

November 25, 1947

Numismatic Gallery
42 East 50th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Koseff and Mr. Kreisberg:

I enjoyed spending a portion of the afternoon with you a few days ago and look forward to a visit from you at any time it is convenient.

I am enclosing a check for \$30.00 in payment for the 1793 U.S. Cent which I took to a friend of mine on approval.

With respect to the Colonial currency, I find that the items in the better grade group were all in my collection, but the 8 shilling note of August 2, 1775 New York Water Works was much better than my specimen and I would be interested in obtaining it.

Of the rubbish, there are eleven notes which I do not have, but their condition is pitiful, as you know. I am returning the balance. Let me know what you think ought to be done with respect to these Colonial items.

I do not have the \$2.50 Templeton-Reid, of which you had three. Perhaps you might consider something in exchange for one of those pieces. I believe I would be satisfied with one of the two lower grade ones, although all of them are very nice.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

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42 EAST 50TH STREET, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

PLaza 3-1841

December 1, 1947

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letters of November 25th and 28th.

We acknowledge receipt of the check in payment for the 1793 cent and also return of the Colonial Currency. As for the 8 Shilling note, please accept it with our compliments. This goes for the other eleven items as well. As for the Templeton-Reid coin we shall be glad to make some exchange. What would you suggest?

We would be glad to send lot #391, except that another collector asked for it over two weeks ago and still has not returned it. I doubt whether there will be sufficient time even if it does come back soon to permit you to examine it. Why not send in your bid based on the attribution in the catalogue? I will examine the coin closely when it is returned and if I don't think you will be satisfied, I will cancel your bid.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,
NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. KOSKOW

AK/aw

December 4, 1947

Mr. A. Koseff
Numismatic Gallery
42 East 50th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Koseff:

I am very sorry not to have been able to see Lot 391 and, therefore, have no way of bidding on it. I have a specimen of the coin which is in very good condition but would like a lovely one, if possible.

However, I am sending in bids which are nothing to get excited about, but I would very much like to have Lot 390, which is the Theater of New York token. In spite of my bid you can increase the amount if advisable.

With respect to the Templeton-Reid coin, I will see what I can find which may be readily saleable by you.

Thank you for the miscellaneous Colonial items and for your prompt answer to my request.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

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MANAGER



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Circle NUMGALLERY Beverly Hills California

18 March 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis 5, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I had been intending to write you sooner, but was kept busy with details pertaining to the office as well as to the auction sale which we held on March 1st and 2nd.

The results of the sale were not quite as discouraging as I had feared. The market for high-priced items is definitely off to a considerable extent, but the more popularly-priced coins seem to have depreciated only about 25% from the top levels. All in all that's not so bad.

I'm wondering if anything concrete in the form of plans for the Johnson estate can be divulged. Our suggestion that perhaps we could handle it on a consignment basis seems to have struck a somewhat responsive chord as far as you are concerned. How do the beneficiaries feel about it? Personally, I think it would be the best manner in which to liquidate, especially since the need for money is non-existent. Over a longer period we could undoubtedly get better prices.

I hope you'll find time to drop me a line.

Very sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff

ak rg

April 1, 1948

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 18, 1948.

I was worried about the outcome of your sale in California, but I know you will be able to work up a nice trade in that area despite the fact that at the moment the movie industry is not as flush as it formerly was.

We have done nothing with the Johnson material other than to sell it in the ordinary course of business. Some time this spring I expect to arrange a family conference to determine what further action will be taken. At that time I will submit the pros and cons for the various methods of continuing to dispose of the material on hand.

Tomorrow evening I am going to give a talk before our Historical Society, the topic of which will be "Early Money of the West." It is a coincidence that there is a Midwest coin conference here at the same time. I will certainly have to be on my toes to give all the collectors and dealers in the audience some new facts to think about.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

P.S. I am enclosing an invitation to my lecture.

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PLaza 3-1841

Cable: NUMGALLERY NewYork

April 3, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Received your letter of March 23rd
and I must apologize for not answering
sooner but I have been out of
town and with Abe in California I
have quite a lot of detail work to
do here.

With regard to the English Half
Pennies of George III, it is quite
a job to look over the foreign coppers
we might have but you may rest
assured that at the first opportunity
I will have it down and send whatever
I find to you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,
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Abner Kreisberg
ABNER KREISBERG

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PLaza 3-1841

Cable: NUMGALLERY NewYork

April 8, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Following up my letter of April 3rd, we have tried to select some English Half Pennies of George III but find it an impossibility as we have bags of copper coins and frankly we do not have the help nor the time to go over this material.

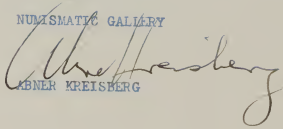
If, however, you plan to be in New York at any time and would like to come up and go over the bags yourself, we shall be too happy to have you visit with us.

We hope you will understand our predicament; with Abe being in California it certainly affects our spare time here.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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8 September 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis 5, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Hope you returned home safely and that you enjoyed your visit to California.

I recall that when you were here you mentioned that an 1841 dime without the drapery was available. If it could be forwarded to me on approval I have a party who is definitely interested in the coin.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Meanwhile, my best regards.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff

ak rg

September 14, 1948

Mr. A. Koseff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Koseff:



As to the 1841 dime without drapery, I mentioned to you that the price in the catalog was silly. So far as I know, the one which I have is unique. It is a perfect brilliant proof coin. You know best what you can get for it, but my suggestion is that I trade it for a \$2.50 Templeton Reid, of which I believe you have several. Does this suggestion meet with your interest, and, if so, I will be glad to forward the coin?

Sincerely,

EPNewman/me

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September 17, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Glad to get your letter of the 14th. I agree, of course, that the 1841 Dime is much more rare than is indicated in the Standard catalogue but we still have to contend with the so-called Standard listing. I do feel we can sell it for a price higher than that value but don't know just how much higher.

If I were to accept your suggestion to trade, it would be necessary for us to realize about \$500.00 out of the Dime. It think it would be safer if we made inquiry first before committing ourselves.

I wonder if you would submit the coin to us on approval so that we may forward it to the party who is interested. If we decide to accept it we can trade for the Templeton Reid. I look forward with interest to your reply, not only with regard to this, but to some further news from you regarding other contemplated consignments.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff

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September 23, 1948

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

I am enclosing herewith the 1841 dime without drapery. This coin is a major rarity and, I believe, very much underestimated. It was not listed in the Standard Catalog prior to 1940 and is the only specimen that Mr. Johnson or I have ever heard of. It is a superb specimen. It was originally listed without a price, and then Mr. Raymond added a price in the Catalog which was taken out of thin air. That price is meaningless, and I am sure that if the coin was not in WGC you can appreciate its rarity.

Incidentally, you said you had a Miners' Bank \$10.00 piece and I am wondering if you still have it.

As far as sending you consignments from the estate, I would prefer to send you American material. If you will give me any suggestions as to what might interest you I would appreciate it. Mrs. Crusan is coming here in a few days and I will ask her to help me decide on the American material to send you on approval.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/me
Encl.

A. KOSOFF
ABNER KREISBERG



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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

October 1, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am returning the 1841 Dime to you. My customer makes several interesting comments, which I pass on to you for the moment without confirmation as I have just returned from San Francisco and want to get my desk cleared for a weekend.

It seems that in our Worlds' Greatest Collection of U.S. Silver, in the dime series, listed under 519, we offered one of these coins. My friend further advises that Mr. McAllister purchased two specimens of this coin from Mr. Johnson. Further, a specimen was recently offered to Mr. Spray of New York, who did not make the purchase but the coin was sold to another collector in New York who did buy it at approximately 1/3rd of the price I asked for it (\$550.). I just pass these along because I know you are always interested in these matters.

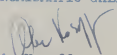
Concerning the Miners' Bank \$10. piece, we did discuss that item but I believe I told you we had sold a gem specimen. That was quite sometime ago and we haven't handled one for quite a while.

Now that we got all that off our chest, let's get down to some business. We will be able to handle any U.S. material (though foreign seems to be going especially well here) and you can prepare whatever you would like to move first. As I suggested to you when you were in Beverly Hills, it might be advisable not to send any early half dollars as we are rather loaded with this series. The same is true of Lincoln Cents. Outside of that you can shoot the works.

With kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff

lae

October 15, 1948

Mr. Abe Koseoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Koseoff:

Your letter of October 1, 1948 put me to work as to the 1841 dime without drapery. The rumor division of the numismatic field is still, I see, quite active. Since Mr. McAllister and Mr. Johnson are both deceased, I was interested in the fact that the allegation was made that two specimens of the coin were sold by Johnson to McAllister. After checking invoices of Mr. Johnson I have been unable to confirm that fact. It also would not be likely that Mr. Johnson would call the coin "Unique" on his envelope if he had already handled two.

As to the world's greatest collection and the item offered as Lot 519, I note it is in very fine condition only. That is substantially different from being a proof. If such a coin were not in perfect condition, I for one would be disinterested in owning it since anyone could make one by taking a standard 1841 dime and polishing off the drapery. That is indeed a nasty thought but something to be considered. I know you passed the information along to me with knowledge of the credibility to which it is entitled. I only hope it did not embarrass you.

Mary Cruzan is in town at the present time, and feeling seems to be that the estate ought to be distributed to the beneficiaries, including the coins, and not send more out on consignment. This, of course, is not a final decision, but it will delay me a little bit in trying to send some of this material to you. After the beneficiaries get the material they will still probably follow my suggestions as to how I believe it should be handled.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

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October 19, 1948

Mr. E.P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Boy, are we getting involved! Yes, it seems that when so-and-so said something, so-and-so is dead.

As for the consignments, guess matters will have to rest until the details are cleared up. Whenever it comes, we will gladly do what we can - and of course, appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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A. Kosoff
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Greenville 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

November 16, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6400 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Am making the rounds again and plan to stop
off in St. Louis to spend a couple of hours
with you.

Scheduled to arrive early on Dec. 6th and
leaving that night. Hope we can chew the fat
a bit.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff
A. Kosoff

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November 18, 1948

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

I will be very pleased to see you if you plan to stop off in St. Louis on December 6, and am looking forward to your visit, which I hope can be made worth while.

I had been intending to write you with respect to an item listed in your Numismatic Bulletin, namely, your Confederate Cent. You do not say whether it is the one with AMERICA or AMERICANA. I may be interested in this coin, but I would like to know your source as I want to be sure it is O.K.

I need a 1921 half dollar in perfect uncirculated condition and uncleaned, but will not buy it at anywhere near its quoted price. I will, however, exchange for it (if you own one) other items of at least 25% more in catalog value.

Kindest regards to Mr. Kreisberg and yourself.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/me

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Cable NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

November 20, 1941

Mr. Eric F. Hansen
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Received your letter and was glad to hear from you. Abe is on his way east and will stop in St. Louis to pay you a visit on his way back. I am forwarding your letter to him.

Regarding your question, the Confederate Cent is the one with AMERICA.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

Abner Kreisberg

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cc-A. Kosoff

November 24, 1948

Mr. Abner Kreisberg
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kreisberg:

If you want to send me the Confederate Cent
listed in your recent circular, I would like
to see it very much. I do not believe I have
it and would like to examine it to be certain.

Thanks for your reply.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

December 1, 1948

Mr. A. Kreisberg
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kreisberg:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the 1785 Confederate Cent with AMERICANA obverse sent to me on approval and billed to me at \$270.00.

I am sorry to advise you that this coin is a Bolen counterfeit and is illustrated in Crosby. The lettering on the counterfeit is decidedly different from the lettering of the genuine coin. I do not have this variety and, therefore, was quite disappointed. Thank you for sending the coin to me.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

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ERIC NEWMAN CARE EDISON BROS STORES

HAVE CONTRACTED SALE OF 1913 NICKEL. PLEASE AIR MAIL

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December 17, 1948

Mr. Abe Koseff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Koseff:

I am enclosing herewith 1913 Liberty head nickel, perfect brilliant proof. As I told you when you visited me in St. Louis, I will get much more enjoyment out of putting the value of this coin into a group of other numismatic material, and for that reason I am letting you sell it. I certainly do not get any pleasure out of parting with it, I can assure you.

I believe you indicated you would get a minimum of \$2,000 net to me and also let me participate in any amount you get above a reasonable commission. I, of course, want it to be worth your while in completing this sale. If, as you indicated, you are going to sell it for the \$2,000 and let the other fellow pay you a reasonable commission, I would like a confirmation of the fact that that is the arrangement, and I would like to know the amount you receive.

Somebody is certainly going to have a lovely coin for his collection.

I will send you the list and data on the other matters we discussed as soon as the holidays are over.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me
Reg. Ret. Rec. Req.

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December 22, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Two things on my mind today.

1. Just got a want list from one of my South American customers and among his wants is the 8 Escudos with the Bust of Rosas. I don't recall which date you had but I think it was the 1842 and this fellow wants this one and the 1836. I have occasion to write to the party in a day or two offering several other pieces which we have for him and will include your item at \$1950.00.

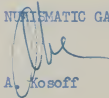
2. Just received a long distance call from the buyer of the 1913 Nickel. He is quite pleased with the condition but has asked me to contact you so that we can supply him with a pedigree of the coin, as far as we can go back. I told him that naturally it was in the Col. Green collection, that it was acquired by B.G. Johnson of the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. and that he sold this particular specimen to you, that we in turn obtained it from you and of course, are selling it to him.

Now it makes no difference whether you paid 5¢ or \$5000. for the coin. This party realizes that the value has jumped considerably but would like to have the pedigree as complete as possible. If you have an original invoice or care to give me a copy or some statement of some kind, which I will forward to him, together with a letter from me indicating the complete background, that would be just fine.

I hope to hear from you soon and in the meantime, let me wish you and yours A Very Happy Holiday.

Cordially yours,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff

lae

December 24, 1948

Mr. Abe Koseff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Koseff:

Your note of December 21 arrived.

As to the Templeton Reid, I will try to figure out something to exchange for it in due course, but I don't believe it should enter into the nickel affair.

I told Mary Sheffield, who received one-half of the remaining coins in the estate of B. G. Johnson, that I thought you could be helpful to her in disposing of them. If you care to write her, her address is:

Mrs. A. B. Sheffield
Apartment 9 F
361 Clinton Avenue
Brooklyn, New York.

Her full name is Mary Hedgecock Sheffield.

Best regards for the Holidays.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

Memo

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From

A. KOSOFF

To
Always love an eye for business
but here's a thought for you.
Would you like a Templar's Ring
as part payment for the nickel?
It's on its way (the nickel) and
will be ready to clear it
up soon to advise.
Can't have but a few - very few
paper &.

Cordially
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P.S. In here to send
the address of
Mary Sheffield

NUMISMATIC GALLERY
8943 Wilshire Blvd.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

December 27, 1948

Mr. Abe Koseff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Koseff:

Your letter of December 22, 1948 is at hand.

The Rosas Doubloon is dated 1842. It is the identical specimen which was sold in 1908, as part of the Georg F. Ulex collection, by Adolf Hess in Frankfurt am Main, being Lot No. 3773 illustrated on Plate VI. I have this catalog and will have no further need for it if I no longer have this coin. The identical coin is likewise illustrated in "Gold Coins of North and South America" (1937), by Wayte Raymond, page 87. The reason the coin can be identified in these pictures is because there is a tiny planchet rolling defect evident on the pictures as well as on the coin itself. The coin shows some slight wear, but, nevertheless, classifies extremely fine in my opinion. The planchet rolling defect in no way spoils the appearance of the coin.

As to the 1913 nickel, the coin is to be sold to you as is. As far as the pedigree is concerned, it had an obverse for a father and a reverse for a mother. As I indicated to you, it was in my opinion the finest of the five specimens in the Col. Green collection. Mr. Johnson never furnished a pedigree and I feel that I should be guided accordingly. After a pedigree was furnished by one of the well known coin dealers for one of the famous 1804 dollars, with written evidence galore and complete detail as to ownership, Mr. Johnson proceeded to tell me that he had bought the identical coin and held it for a year and a half before he was able to resell it, and yet no such fact ever appeared in the pedigree.

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Mr. Abe Kosoff

December 27, 1948

I do not mean to be non-cooperative with respect to the pedigree, but feel that if the coin is not acceptable as is it should be returned.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

dates and mint marks. (No 18 over 17.) Very fine, some late unc. In Whitman Folder. **Bid for set.**

232—**Morgan Quarters.** 1892-1916. All dates and mint marks (except 1896-S, 1901-S) in 2 Whitman folders. Average Fine. A nice lot. **Bid for set.**

233—**Liberty Standing Quarters.** 1917-1930. All dates and mint marks (no over-date) mostly F, some VF, a few unc. In Whitman Folder. **Bid for Set.**

234—**Washington Quarters.** 1932-1945. All dates and mint marks. The 1932-S is about extremely fine, the 32-D is VF. From 1937 to 1945 all are practically uncirculated. In coin page. **Bid for Set.**

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The Gallery reports the sale of the finest of the 5 known specimens of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. According to the available evidence 3 of the coins were uncirculated and only 2 were proofs. We were fortunate enough to have been able to handle both proof coins and believe that this last specimen was tops. Our congratulations to the new owner.

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1802 Very good, very scarce ... 11.00

1803 Small 3. Very good ... 5.00

1803 Large 3. VG 2.90, F ... 4.75

1805 over 4 VG 3.80, F ... 6.50

1806 painted 6 Fine ... 3.60

1808 Very good 1.90, Fine ... 2.40

1809 Fine 1.50. Very fine ... 1.75

1810 Special. Ex. Fine ... 2.40

— 1810. Very fine ... 1.60

— 1810. Fine ... 1.40

— 1810. Very good ... 1.25

1812 over 11. Very good ... 3.60

1812, 1813 ea. Fine 1.40, Very fine ... 1.75

1815 Beistle la-HB. Very fine ... 24.00

1817 over 13. Fine 4.90, XF ... 11.50

1818 over 17. F2.10, VF 2.60, XF ... 3.90

1818 Fine 1.50, VF ... 1.75

1819 over 18. VF 2.65, Unc. ... 5.50

1820 over 19. Very fine ... 2.65

1821 Very fine 1.60, XF ... 2.90

1822 Very fine 1.60, XF ... 3.10

1824 Very good 1.25, Very fine ... 2.90

1.50, Extremely fine ... 1.50

1825 Very fine ... 1.50

1826 VF 1.50, XF ... 2.40

1827 Sq. 2. Extremely fine ... 2.25

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Forecasts for '49

A. E. BEBEE: If the recent upswing in business can be used as a criterion, and I'm sure it can, the coming year will be the best we will have enjoyed since the end of World War II.

BARNEY BLUESTONE: I do not intend to be over-optimistic on the future coin market, however, I am looking forward to an upward glorious trend in 1949.

M. H. BOLENDER: The market in the autumn of 1948 shows improvement over 1947 and the early part of 1948, and we may expect a strong market for 1949. Mr. Raymond has done a good job of price adjustments in the new Standard Catalogue of 1949.

DAVID M. BULLOWA: Values will not change appreciably for some time to come. Prices of early American silver (except dollars) will increase and dollars and cents will continue steady.

BEN DREISKE: Choice U. S. Minor coins harder to get and higher in price. U. S. Gold and rarer items will remain about the same. Foreign coins, except crowns, may be off in demand and price.

ROBERT FRIEDBERG: After election day I hesitate—but feel optimistic about a favorable coin market.

GEORGE GALLUP begs to be excused. (We understand.)

EDWARD GANS: Growing interest for ancient and foreign coins, first quality in good demand. Hitherto neglected Roman Bronzes and Byzantine will come to the foreground.

HORACE M. GRANT: With no change in the political regime for 1949 I believe we can look forward to a successful year with a slight advance in prices.

TOIVO JOHNSON: Prosperous years ahead mean great numbers of new collectors. This new interest will maintain and increase value of available coins.

SOL KAPLAN: Demand will be better and prices slightly better.

FRANK J. KATEN: Firmer prices as result of impetus given by A.N.A. convention auction, Toledo auction and other sales. More emphasis on better grade material, not necessarily uncirculated or proofs.

KENNETH LEE: Really nice material will keep a decent demand. Rising wages and prices speaks for fairly steady market. Trend towards acceptance of very fine and extra fine coins perhaps due to high prices of mint specimens.

H. E. MacINTOSH: We anticipate a steady demand during 1949 based on a well-stabilized market with possible rising prices as we enter a new inflationary spiral.

B. MAX MEHL: I feel that the trend for 1949 should be and probably will be as in 1948 and perhaps a bit better.

WILLIAM POIZNER: At this time, the coin market is very healthy, and will continue so as long as the customers' confidence is maintained.

HERMAN PORCHER (Brazil): Brazilian numismatics growing up slowly but firmly. The variety of coinage and the beauty of its coins are exciting the appreciation of all American numismatists.

WAYTE RAYMOND (in Standard Catalogue): A steady advance is bound to take place in the values of the commoner coins and minor rarities. Market is on sound basis except in the case of some rarities.

HANS SCHULMAN: More collectors daily for medium priced coins which will increase in value. Some rarities should become cheaper. Roman coins regaining popularity.

H. A. SEABY (London): 1949 forecast for the coin market in England is that good and rare coins will continue to rise in price but the very common ones, including the commonest gold of all countries, will perhaps show a slight decline. The number of genuine collectors is still on the increase.

NORMAN SCHULTZ: Coin market has leveled off. Commemoratives and Morgan dollars in demand. With a 37 cent dollar coins can sell at 3 times the former price and still be no higher than they were. Business is better, more collectors seeking Early U. S. The market will stay well up.

D. SPINK (London): Numismatic prospects are good for 1949 if the international situation does not worsen. If currency barriers could be reduced, there would be considerably more business. We report greatly increased activity (internally) compared with the immediate pre-War years.

J. B. STACK: The coin market is strong. Prices are holding up fairly well; in our recent auction sale prices were from 10% to 35% higher than they were in the spring and summer.

CHARLES M. WORMSER: I believe that the coin market will stabilize at about the present levels, and that activity will also be about the same as at the present time.

CONSENSUS: Generally optimistic with a careful undertone. Rarities considered precarious unless general conditions improve. Foreign market reflects increased demand. Continued collector interest for early types and for inexpensive and moderately priced coins. General satisfaction with 1949 catalogues. Dealers stocks drying up in many series. Ancients and Foreign coins attracting many buyers. New, lower price level encouraging.

Money Talks

"SOME SAY money talks, yet it is your best silent partner"—from the Heart of America Num. Assn. Bulletin—a clever circular edited by FRANK C. ROSS.

AN ORCHID to that Grand Old Man of Numismatics and his young bride—MR. & MRS. D. C. WISMER who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary recently. Four great grandchildren helped make a festive occasion.

KROSS-KOUNTRY KOSOFF.—So, via Super Chief directly to Chicago (I thought). So I left California, so I run into a Kansas snowstorm, so I'm 16 hours snowbound—so it's my own fault. Finally—Chicago.

HATS OFF DEPT.—Chicago Coin Club—Anniversary Bonquet with MIKE POWILLS as M.C. and no speeches—Bows by LOYD GETTYS, SHELDON, KLEIN, YEOMAN and club officers also Dealers KELLY (Doyton) and KOSOFF (Beverly Hills). A swell radio take-off produced by MRS. LEROY KURTZBORN with cost including LEE HEWITT, RAYSON, OLSON, SMITH, GETTYS, THE BEBES, THE POWILLS, THE GREENS. Quite an enjoyable time, truly one you ed. has enjoyed. The pre-bonquet cocktails at MERRILL and MARCELLA SHELDON'S didn't hurt any. (No electioneering Merrill, s'too early.)

LUNCHEd with the C. E. Greens, The Bebes and Jim Kelly, making Chi visit complete, though would have liked to visit with DR. SERBIN, MAJOR LOHR and host of others.

CHARLEY FISHER'S host of friends will be glad to learn that the bowtie boy still is going strong in Cleveland as is BOB COHEN to whom ye ed is indebted for a few freak-oddities — and O. B. WINDAU heading south for winter dropped in on us at the Stotler. Cought neighbor DICK HAYMES appearance.

WINED AND DINED by the WILDS and DI BELLOS, by JIM CLARKE and friend PAYNE —by the JONAS family and finally to NYC. (Note to Chambers of Commerce—it took 8 days before I saw the sunshine—No Kid-ding!).

NYC—Never realized how many people I knew in the big city—and hope some will forgive me—but my list seemed to grow longer doily and found it impossible to get around to see every one. Sorry especially to miss NY Club 40th Anniversary Meeting and CAPT. DODSON'S talk.

CINN. and SOL KAPLAN (not sin,—Cinn.) and wined and dined (what else did I have to do?). Then with a hop here and there to Wichita.

LEW REAGAN, TED HAMMER and C. B. EDWARDS round tabled at ANA offices—

and friend MAYO of McCormick-Armstrong * and dined us (* Kansas still dry on Dec. 8th).

83 DEGREES greeted us in L.A. I know you'll feel sorry for us—all this heat. Guess we'll have to put up with it, Thank goodness! 83 degrees and loads of work—and I'll have to wine and dine myself from here on in.

THANKS—oll you lovely folks who made my trip such a pleosant one. Auf Wieder-sehn!

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF JOE BARNET. A long time friend and colleague, Joe was respected by all for his high standards and ethical business practices. His contribution in revising and adding to the Hettrich-Gutttag Civil War Token Listings will long remain a monument to his memory. Joe was 80 years old; a member of ANA, N. Y. Coin Club and Brooklyn Coin Club.

JUNIOR COIN Clubs active in N.Y.C. reports RAPHAEL SHAB pres. of New Toft Coin Club (Toft High School); and on orchid to CHARLES WORMSER for hosting Met. Jr. Coin Club meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS on your sound prices for the group of patterns in the NOV. MONTHLY. Fair prices, such as yours, boost the popularity of these pieces.

COL J. W. CURTIS

Thanks, Col. Jim—Popularity of patterns is definitely on the increase—and, to throw the bouquets around, you've done your share.

A.K.

DEALERS rush in where pollsters fear to tread. Brave souls, these numismatists. See page 7 for Forecasts for '49. Then start on page 1 and fill your order blank and bid sheet!

SAM SPADE recent radio mystery centered around the 1841 Quarter Eagle—and many friends colled (couse we sold that beauty some months ago).

THANKS TO COMPTON JOHNSON for introducing us to Angelo's Silver Room—a quaint L.A. restaurant with Silver Dollars of the world imbedded in the bar and tables. Make it a point when you get to our neck of the woods.

CATCH JACK BENNY in Morch of Dimes program. Instead of Dimes the "extrovoquent comic" will use BENNY'S PENNIES (courtesy NUMISMATIC GALLERY).

A. (HAPPY NEW YEAR) K.



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Happy New Year

CONVENTION AUCTION NEWS

Already several choice consignments have been accepted for the ANA Convention Auction.

In the future issues of the MONTHLY some highlights will be mentioned. If you contemplate the sale of any of your coins it is definitely to your advantage to have them sold in this BIG SALE OF THE YEAR. Write now for terms and particulars.

WANTS

Our available supply of coins would exhaust many, many issues of the MONTHLY if we were to attempt to list it. Physically, it would be impossible.

Many of these coins are undoubtedly just the ones you have been seeking. Here we have them—and you want them. You would like to see them and we would gladly send them to you on approval. Well—why not? Let's get together on this deal!

You need only send a list of the coins you want. Because we appreciate the time you have taken to prepare the list, we are anxious to extend ourselves to please you. Your WANT LIST will receive the same attention given to ORDERS.

Because many collectors have found this procedure to their advantage, many of our coins are sold and never get a listing. So why not do what the others are doing? Send

your list—even a partial list should get prompt results.

A NUMISMATIC GALLERY SERVICE

SILLY SYMPHONY

Once upon a time collectors considered a certain city the coin capitol—and no one had to tell them; nor did any one take the trouble to deny it.

Came the dawn of a new day and the eye followed the sun and in the Heavens Horace Greeley smiled an "I told you so"—And collectors sought out the new horizon despite the sound and fury—"vener'd with sanctimonious theory"; yea, 'though 'tis proved that the Golden State has more coin collectors than the Empire State.

Well, facts are stubborn things. They do not cease to exist because they are ignored. Nay, you cannot alter them by filming them over with dead romances—(the fact is that the dealer seeks his market, the collector seeks his source of supply). Having already had assistance from Tennyson, Drinkwater, Huxley and Shakespeare, let us conclude with a gem from Junius, "Assertion, unsupported by fact, is nugatory" or as Junior puts it, "Aw, nuts".

A TRIBUTE TO ILLINOIS

A great state produced a great man. The majestic figure of Abraham Lincoln obscures all that went before—the French explorers, the pioneers, the old river steamers. A visit to Springfield will expand your spirit and refresh your faith in democracy.

Here in Illinois are acres of fertile black mud and miles of modern highways—and here is Chicago. The beauty of Michigan Boulevard and the world's largest stockyards. The world's greatest grain market, the world's busiest corner. You visit the Art Institute and the Field Museum. All in a little over a century, Illinois has written an indelible chapter in the annals of America. Who can doubt its future?

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AUCTION SALE SECTION

The **WINNER** of the January 3rd AUCTION ESTIMATE will be announced in the FEBRUARY number of the NUMISMATIC GALLERY MONTHLY.

Please Note: All of the following lots, numbered from 1 to 234 are to be sold to the **highest mail bidder**. (All other items listed in this issue of the MONTHLY are for sale, as usual, at fixed prices.)

Use **WHITE** Bid Sheet for Auction Bids.

Use **SALMON** Order Blank for Fixed Price Orders.

READ THESE TERMS

1. Bid by LOT NUMBER, so much per LOT.
2. NO BUY or UNLIMITED BIDS will be accepted.
3. No commissions charged for bidding.
4. Parties unknown to us should supply reference or a deposit equal to 25% of their bids.
5. Terms are cash. Remittances due when bills are rendered. Postage and insurance will be added to purchases.
6. No returns allowed without written permission of cataloguers.
7. Lots on exhibition at the NUMISMATIC GALLERY.
8. Use WHITE BID SHEET for your Auction Bids.
9. Auction Awards made on closing date, **January 26, 1949.**

AUCTION SALE 48

(Bid by Lot Number. Awards to be made to highest bidder. Closing date January 26th.)

HALF CENTS

- 1—1794. Very good.
- 2—1794. Good.
- 3—1795. Punctuated. Clipped Plan. VG.
- 4—1797. Lettered edge. G. Rare.
- 5—1797. 1 over 1. Good. Scarce.
- 6—1802. About VG. Rare.
- 7—1803. Fine.
- 8—1804. G-2. No stems. Plain 4. Extremely fine.
- 9—1804. G-2. Similar. VF.
- 10—1804. Spike Chin. VF.
- 11—1805. G-1. Small 5. VF.
- 12—Similar. Fine.
- 13—1806. Small 6. VF.
- 14—1806. Large 6. Extrem. Fine.
- 15—1807—G 1. Fine.
- 16—1808 over 7. Very good. Scarce.
- 17—Another 8 over 7. Good.
- 18—1808. Perf. date. VG.
- 19—1809. Very fine.
- 20—1809. Fine.
- 21—1809. Good.
- 22—1809 over 6. Very fine. Scarce.

- 23—Another 9 over 6. Fine.
- 24—1809 over 6. Very good.
- 25—1810. Very Fine. Scarce.
- 26—Another 1810. Fine.
- 27—1810. Very good.
- 28—1811. G 2. Broken die at First 4 stars. Very fine and Rare.
- 29—1825. G-1. VF.
- 30—1826. Very fine.
- 31—1828. 13 Stars. Unc. red.
- 32—1828. 13 Stars. XF.
- 33—Same. Very fine.
- 34—1828. 12 Stars. Ex. Fine.
- 35—Same. Very fine.
- 36—1829. G-1. Very fine.
- 37—1832. Very fine.
- 38—1833. Uncirculated.
- 39—Same. Extremely fine.
- 40—1833. Very fine.
- 41—1834. Very fine.
- 42—1835. Very fine.
- 43—1836. Large Berries. Proof. Rare.
- 44—1849. Large date. Unc.
- 45—Same Very fine.
- 46—1850. Very fine.
- 47—1851. Very fine.
- 48—1853. Extremely fine.
- 49—1853. Very fine.
- 50—1854. Uncirculated. Red.
- 51—1854. Extremely fine.
- 52—1855. Uncirculated. Red.
- 53—1855. Very fine.
- 54—1856. About Uncirculated.
- 55—1856. Very fine.
- 56—1857. G-1. Proof. Rare.
- 57—LOT. 15 half cents 1797 to 1855. Some good, some fine, some better, 1 holed. As is.

LARGE CENTS

- 58—1793. Crosby 6-F Wreath. Vine and Bars. Fine and very scarce.
- 59—1794. Hays 28. VG. Rare.
- 60—1794. H 45. Very good.
- 61—1794. H 50. Very good.
- 62—1795. Doughty 70. Plain Edge. Denom. centered. F-VF.
- 63—1796. Gilbert A. Liberty Cap. Fine.
- 64—1798. D 115. Very good.
- 65—1798. D 119. About Fine.
- 66—1798. D 132. VG-F.
- 67—1800. D 146. Fine.
- 68—1801. Newcomb 2. Perf. die. Fine.
- 69—1802. Perfect die. V-G.
- 70—1802. N-9 Stemless wreath. Fine.
- 71—1803. Sm. Fraction. VG.
- 72—1803. D 193 lg. date & Fract. Fine.
- 73—1803. D 197. Similar. VG.
- 74—1805. D 199. Recut 5. VF.
- 75—1805. D 200. Perf. 1. Fine.
- 76—1806. D 202. Very Fine.
- 77—1807 over 6. D 203. VG.
- 78—1808. D 209. 13 Stars. F-VF.
- 79—1808 obv 209, rev 208. VG. Scarce.
- 80—1809. D 210. Good.
- 81—1811. D 216. F-VF.

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AUCTION LOTS—Continued

- 82—1812. D 217 lg. date. Very Fine.
- 83—1812. D 218. Very fine.
- 84—1813. D 221. Very fine. Score.
- 85—1814. Crosslet 4. D 224. VF.
- 86—1816. Andrews 2. VF.
- 87—1816 A 7. Abt. Ex.F.
- 88—1817. A 6. Very fine.
- 89—1817. A7½ Mouse top. G-VG.
- 90—1817. A9. Very fine.
- 91—1817. A14. Very fine.
- 92—1817. A16. Fifteen stars. VF.
- 93—1818. A10 Unc. Red-brown.
- 94—1819 over 18. A1. Very fine.
- 95—1819. Small date A 5. VF.
- 96—1820. A 4. Sm. date. VF.
- 97—1820. A 13 Unc. Chocolate Brown.
- 98—1821. A 1. Close date. Bold, sharp lettering. Very fine. Rare.
- 99—1822. A 2. Very fine.
- 100—1823 over 22. A really nice coin. Very fine, very scarce.
- 101—1825. A 9. Large A's. VF.
- 102—1826. A 4. Compact date. Ex.F.
- 103—1827. A7. VF.XF.
- 104—1827. A 8. Very fine.
- 105—1828. A 5. Small date. VF.
- 106—1828. A 10. Sm. date. VF.
- 107—1830. A 4. Extremely fine.
- 108—1831. A 7. Very fine.
- 109—1831. A 8. Very fine.

SILVER DOLLARS

- 110—1795. 2 leaves. Initials scotched in obv. fields. Fine.
- 111—1795. 3 leaves. Fine.
- 112—1797. Six stars facing. VF.
- 113—1798. Small eagle. 13 stars. A very desirable specimen. VF.
- 114—1799 over 98. Extremely fine.
- 115—1799. 6 stars facing. Uncirculated and very scarce in this condition.
- 116—Similar but Very Fine.
- 117—1799. 5 Stars facing. Abt. extremely fine. Very scarce.
- 118—1800. Fine.
- 119—1801. VF-XF.
- 120—1802. Fine.
- 121—1803. Large 3. Extremely fine.
- 122—Same but Very Fine.
- 123—1840. Abt. Ex. Fine.
- 124—1841. Very fine.
- 125—1842. Very fine.
- 126—1843. Very fine.
- 127—1844. Ex. Fine. Lustrous.
- 128—1844. Very fine.
- 129—1845. Abt. Ex. Fine.
- 130—1846. Extremely fine.
- 131—1846-O Mint. Very fine.
- 132—1847 Iridescent Proof. Rare. Lists at \$75.00.
- 133—1848. Extremely Fine.
- 134—1848. Very fine.
- 135—1849. VF-XF. Nice lustre.
- 136—1853. Very fine.
- 137—1854. About uncirculated.
- 138—1855. Unc. Lustrous.
- 139—Another 1855. Extremely fine.
- 140—1856. Unc. Lustrous. Iridescent sur-

face. Desirable coin.

- 141—1857. Extremely fine, with proof-like surface.
- 142—1860. Beautiful purple-blue proof.
- 143—1863. Superb steel-blue proof.
- 144—1870-CC mint. Very fine.
- 145—1878-S mint. Brill. unc.
- 146—1878-CC. Uncirculated.
- 147—1878-CC. Ex. Fine.
- 148—1878. Seven feathers. Uncirculated.
- 149—1879-O. Abt. unc., scarce.
- 150—1880. Uncirculated.
- 151—1822. Brilliant uncirculated, proof-like surface.
- 152—1883. Uncirculated.
- 153—1884-CC. Fine.
- 154—1887. Superb Proof. Iridescent.
- 155—1901. Splendid purple-blue proof.
- 156—1902. Splendid purple-blue proof.
- 157—1903-O. VG. Score date.
- 158—1904. Beautiful blue-gold proof.
- 159—1904. Uncirculated.
- 160—1921. Morgon Unc.
- 161—1921. Proof, not in full brilliance.
- 162—1921-D.
- 163—1921. Peace Dollar. Unc.
- 164—1922. Uncirculated.
- 165—1922-D. EX.F.
- 166—1922-S. Uncirculated.
- 167. Some. Extremely fine.
- 168—1923. Unc. Spot.
- 169—1923-S. Uncirculated.
- 170—1923-D. Uncirculated.
- 171—1924. Uncirculated.
- 172—1924-S. Unc. Dull.
- 173—1925. Uncirculated.
- 174—1925-S. Uncirculated.
- 175—1926. Uncirculated.
- 176—1926-D. Uncirculated.
- 177—1927. Uncirculated, dull.
- 178—1927-D. Uncirculated.
- 179—1928. Uncirculated, tarnished.
- 180—1928-S. Uncirculated.
- 181—1934. Uncirculated.
- 182—1934-D. Uncirculated.
- 183—1935. Uncirculated.
- 184—1935-S. Uncirculated.

FOREIGN COINS (CA)

- 186—GERMANY. Early 18th century coins. All individually described. Diff. metals, 15 pcs. **Bid for Lot.**
- 187—19th century coins. All indiv. described. Diff. metals. 26 pcs.
- 188—War issues among which mostly enclosed postage. All described. 13 pcs.
- 189—War issues among which some interesting issues. All described. 34 pcs.
- 190—Third Reich. Nozi Rule. Potsdam Church. 5 M. 1934, 1935, silver; Hindenburg 2 M. 1937, 1939. Added: ½ M. 1905. Saxony 1854. Sotirical taken 1864 RITTER DES HAH-NENLANDES (!) 16 pcs. F-VF.
- 191—Hindenburg. 5 M. 1935, 36 (2 types), 37, 38. F-VF. 2 M. 1938. Unc. Added: Saxony 1688 1 Kr; Brunswick 1 pf. 1696. 8 pcs.

AUCTION LOTS—Continued

- 192—Hindenburg. 5 M. 1935, 1936 (2 types). F-VF. 8 pcs.
- 193—Prussia. 2 M. 1876; Württemb. 2 M. 1892; Medallion ¼ taler LOHN und EHRE by Loos, all Unc.; Saxony 1676 token, VF; Coronation medal, Fred. Wm. IV. 1840 brass; Unc. 5 pcs.
- 194—Nazi rule. Iron 10 pf. 1940, etc. F-VF. 35 pcs.
- 195—AUSTRIA. Misc. described minor coins 1799-1935. Diff. metals. F-EF. 20 pcs.
- 196—FRANCE. Miscell., described, 22 minor coins 1611-1941, diff. metals. F-Unc. Also SPAIN Misc. mostly silver pieces after 1767. F-VF. 16 pcs. Lot of 38 pcs.
- 197—POLAND. 1599-1917. PORTUGAL 5 R. 1728, etc. GENEVA 1844, Appenzell, etc. SWEDEN, BELGIUM 2 frs. 1900, 1 fr. 1866, etc. DENMARK, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, several. Also, 6 one guilder pieces of Queen Wilhelmina. Nice lot. All metals. F-EF. 42 pcs.
- 198—RUSSIA. 19th and 20th century coins (½ rouble Saviet, 3 pcs.). ROUMANIA 1924. ITALIAN STATES and ITALY. All metals. F-EF. 41 pcs.
- 199—ENGLAND. Misc. 6 pence from Victoria to 1945. VG-Unc. 24 pcs.
- 200—Lot of tokens and coins including 1 sh. 1821 EF and good tokens. F-EF. 26 pcs.
- 201—BR. INDIA. Hongkong, North Borneo, Straits, Austrolio (incl. 2 sh. 1911), Ceylon, Dutch E. Indies, Siom (1 tical Ramo VI), Philippines, Isle of Man, Tunis, Turkey, Egypt. Nice lot. All metals. F-EF. 32 pcs.
- 202—1/12 Anna 1935, bronze, Unc. 70 pcs.
- 203—CHINA. Early cash and several silver pieces. Also Japon. F-VF. 55 pcs.
- 204—CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. Venezuela (4 silver); Brazil (4 nickel, one 40 R. 1824, one 500 R. 1865); Uruguay (5); Chile (2 incl. peso 1927); Peru (4); Colombia (7 incl. 50c 1921, 2R. 1849, 1851); Ponomo (1); Costa Rico (3); Solvador (1); Nicaragua (2); Honduras (8); Guatemala (11 incl. 25c 1915 prov.); Porto Rico (1); Mexico (7); F-Unc. Nice lot of 62 pcs.
- 205—ANCIENTS. Large bronzes of Hadrian, Julia Domna, Antininus Pius and Gordianus. All F-VF. Nice lot. 6pcs.
- 206—Misc. foreign silver. 10 Spanish Am. 2 R., 3 Canada 25c, Italy 5 L. 1927, etc. Abt. fine. 28 pcs.
- 207—Nice lot small foreign silver and nickel with many Canadian 5c pieces. 130 pcs. From good to Unc.
- 208—Lot of copper and zinc coins. Abt. fine. 250 pcs.

ANCIENT GREEK

- 209—ANCIENT GREEK. Antiochus IV Epiphanes (The King of the Maccabees Revolt!) 175-164 B.C. AE 26, struck during his invasion of Egypt 170/168. Head-Ptolemaic eagle. Bab. 589, sq. H. p. 763. RARE, interesting, VF.
- 210—AE 33 (large bronze). Similar occasion. Zeus h./eagle. Bab. 586. RARE, VF.
- 211—Demetrius I, 162-150 BC. AE 20, serrate. Artemis b./bow, quiver. Bab. 727. VF.
- 212—Tryphon, pretender, 142-139 BC. AE 18. Head/helmet. Bab. 1049. VF. RARE.
- 213—Antiochus VII, 138/129 BC. Silver tetradrachm. Head/Atheno. H.p. 767. VF.
- 214—ALEXANDRIA. Salonia, wife of Gallienus. Billon tetradrachm. F.
- 215—Claudius II 268-270. AE tetradrachm. Fine.
- 216—Vabalathus & Aurelionus 270/271 AD. AE Tetradrachm. Bust either side. Year 5. BMC 2386. F.
- 217—Aurelianus 270-275. AE tetradrachm. Fine.
- 218—Tacitus 275-276. AE tetradrachm. VF.
- 219—Probus 276-282. AE tetradrachm. VF
- 220—Carus 282-283. AE tetradrachm. F.
- 221—Carinus 282-284. AE tetradrachm. F.
- 222—Diocletianus 284-305. AE tetradrachm. VF.
- 223—Maximianus Hercules 286-305. AE tetradrachm. F.
- 224—Constantius Chlorus 292-306. AE tetradrachm. F.
- 225—BUSIRITE NOME (Autonomous Province). Hadrianus 117-138. AE 12. BMC 8. Dattari 6223. F.
- 226—NUMIDIA. KINGDOM. Micipsa & Brothers 148-118 BC. AE. 26. Head/Free horse. Hunterian Coll. 609, 5. VF.
- 227—MELITA ISLAND (Malta). 2nd/1st Cent. BC. AE 26. H. of Isis/Osiris kneeling. H. p. 883. Weber Coll. 8526. VF., interesting.
- 228—Set. Lincoln Cents. Complete 1909 to 1944-D, all dates and mint-marks. The 1909 SVDB is fine, 10-S unc. All coins after 1935 are uncirculated—others very fine. In coin card. Bid for set.
- 229—Indian Cents. From 1857 to 1909-S lacking only 1868 to 72 and 1876 to 78 inclusive. The 1909-S is VF; the 08-S also VF and so is the 64-L. In coin card. Bid for Set.
- 230—Set Mercury Dimes. 1916-1945 (no over date). Many of later dates are uncirculated. Others very fine. The 1916-D is VG as is the 1921. In Dansco Album. Bid for Set.
- 231—Set—Buffalo Nickels. 1913-1938. All

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dates and mint marks. (No 18 over 17.) Very fine, some late unc. In Whitman Folder. **Bid for set.**

232—**Morgan Quarters.** 1892-1916. All dates and mint marks (except 1896-S, 1901-S) in 2 Whitman folders. Average Fine. A nice lot. **Bid for set.**

233—**Liberty Standing Quarters.** 1917-1930. All dates and mint marks (no over-date) mostly F, some VF, a few unc. In Whitman Folder. **Bid for Set.**

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End of Auction Lots.

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THANK YOU.

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The Gallery reports the sale of the finest of the 5 known specimens of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. According to the available evidence 3 of the coins were uncirculated and only 2 were proofs. We were fortunate enough to have been able to handle both proof coins and believe that this last specimen was tops. Our congratulations to the new owner.

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1795. We've been trying to give a SPECIAL now and then—Here's one we never expected to offer—a **1795 half dollar** at an extraordinary, low price. Order it now. Available at several prices to suit your needs.

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1810 Special. Ex. Fine 2.40

— 1810. Very fine 1.60

— 1810. Fine 1.40

— 1810. Very good 1.25

1812 over 11. Very good 3.60

1812, 1813 ea. Fine 1.40, Very fine 1.75

1815 Beistle la-HB. Very fine 24.00

1817 over 13. Fine 4.90, XF 11.50

1818 over 17. F2.10, VF 2.60, XF 3.90

1818 Fine 1.50, VF 1.75

1819 over 18. VF 2.65, Unc. 5.50

1820 over 19. Very fine 2.65

1821 Very fine 1.60, XF 2.90

1822 Very fine 1.60, XF 3.10

1824 Very good 1.25, Very fine 2.90

1.50, Extremely fine 2.90

1825 Very fine 1.50

1826 VF 1.50, XF 2.40

1827 Sq. 2. Extremely fine 2.25

1827 Curled 2. Extremely fine 4.90

1828 Curled 2. VF 3.10, XF 8.40

1828 Sq. 2. VF 1.50, XF 2.70, Unc. 3.20

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Set—1c, 3c, 5c—Proofs. Special	\$42.50
1878 Indian Cent	8.75
CALIFORNIA ¼ dollar 1856 Octagonal. XF	3.00
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— \$1 1853 DERI Octagonal. VF	6.75
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— ½ dollar 1856 Octagonal. VF	4.50

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A recent purchase permits us to make this very attractive offering of minor proofs of 1878. They were put away in 1878 and just came to light.

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187 Indian Cent	8.75
1878 Three Cents Nickel	17.50
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December 31, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Let's clear up the old year and the outstanding balances so here's a check in payment for that 1913 nickel. I hope you have sent that letter to me.

Best regards and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff
A. Kosoff

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Eric Newman.

Memo

From

A. KOSOFF

To

In Harke - Just received yours of
the 27th. I'll see what can
be done about the Dubloon.

As for the medal - Am not
asking for pedigree to make the
sale - The fellow is taking the
Coin. - That's finished -
Instead of making it difficult
we can make it pleasant -
& so early, for -

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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

A letter from you stating -
that you acquired the coin
from P. S. Johnson ~~and~~ that
he acquired it from the
Col. Green estate ^{would}
make the collector happy -
So lets make him happy!

I don't want a Max Hadl pedigree
with pictures, letters, etc
Just a simple statement -

Let's share the New Year Rights
- oh yes - Happy New Year
Cordially
Abe

Memo

1/11

From

ABNER KREISBERG

To Dear Mr Newman:
I wonder if you would
send me the name and
address of a St. Louis
collection agency. One of our
accounts is delinquent and
we would like to turn it over
to a collection agency.

If you need any snow—
we can send you some
from "sunny California" —

Best regards —

Abner

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January 11, 1949.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

My Argentina friend tells me a Rosas 1842
Doubleloon is available there at \$350.00. It
seems very low to me but that's it. I'm try-
ing another chap abroad and will hear what
he has to say.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff

ec

January 14, 1949

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

Your letter concerning the Rosas Doubloon of 1842 is interesting. I presume a copy is being offered for sale for \$350.00. That is all the more reason why I hesitate to let anyone ship it out of the country.

As promised, I am sending to you herewith, in duplicate, the list of the patterns. If you wish to indicate on the duplicate copy some price basis as to what you believe could be obtained for them, I will be glad to study your prices and decide what to do. Since you are an expert on patterns, I presume there will be no problem in pricing from A.W. numbers.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me
Encls.

January 18, 1949

Mr. Abner Kreisberg
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kreisberg:

While you are talking about the weather in your memorandum sent to me on January 11, it looks as though you are more interested in "whether" you are going to collect on a delinquent account.

Frankly, if you will send the details of the matter to me I will place it in the hands of an attorney who can handle it. It is necessary that I know the amount and the person involved before I can make a recommendation. If it is embarrassing for you to give me the name of the party involved, just give me the amount. Why all the mystery?

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

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January 19, 1949.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th to which you attached a list of patterns by A-W numbers.

It is my estimate that these 141 pieces would retail at about \$2850.00 now while Patterns are moving. If put up at fixed prices, part of the lot would sell within a reasonable time, and the balance would remain for quite a while. That has been our experience with this series.

Perhaps the best way of handling this lot would be on a cash basis and I'd be inclined to invest \$2000.00 in it. If you think well of this offer, you may send the batch down to us for our remittance.

Sincerely though, patterns blow hot and cold. Right now we're pushing them and they're selling, or vice versa. When they die out we'll have to wait a few years before the series gets an injection of new interest.

Think it over and let me know.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff

ec

Memo

Fri.

From

ABNER KREISBERG

To Dear Mr. Newman!

I didn't intend for you to go to any trouble on this delinquent account.

It really isn't worth while - on \$12⁰⁰ involved - name A. Parks - it's just a matter of principle.

Lew Regan is writing him a letter - and perhaps if threatened with expulsion from A.N.A. will pay up.

Sorry I bothered you -

Regards -

Abner

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January 24, 1949

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 1949, with respect to the list of patterns I forwarded to you.

I appreciate your estimate of the total, but I have no intention of selling all of my patterns and merely wish to sell certain ones. Therefore, would you be kind enough to give me the detail on the individual items as to how you arrived at the \$2850 retail figure. I believe I sent you a duplicate copy of the list for that purpose.

You certainly are right that the interest in patterns blows hot and cold, apparently like California weather. At least you don't have to shovel patterns out of your driveway when it blows cold, or don't they know what snow shovels are out there?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

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February 4, 1949.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

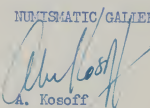
I've been seeking an opportunity to comply with your request of January 24th for an itemized listing of the patterns. So far I haven't been able to get to it.

The more I consider the matter, the less I'd be inclined to buy certain of the items. We have quite a stock of patterns on hand and wouldn't want to duplicate those without getting others we could use.

Chances are that those you would want to sell, we wouldn't want to buy, but I would still like the lot right now at \$2000.00. How about it? Or else let me know which numbers you want to get rid of. I'll put our price on those (I hope).

Cordially,

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A. Kosoff

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February 18, 1949.

Mrs. A. V. Sheffield,
361 Clinton Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Sheffield:

Thank you for your recent letter in reply to ours of December 27th. We had hoped that perhaps your list might be ready and available.

There is no particular material in mind - we can and do sell everything numismatic. As for the manner of handling, that, too, is up to you.

We will buy outright, sell at auction, or handle as brokers any coins which you want to sell. Perhaps when you have a group ready we may suggest the best manner of handling that particular material.

Yours very truly,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
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cc - Mr. Eric P. Newman

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March 5, 1949.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I enjoyed your Coin Collectors Journal
article on Fugios.

Guess you've decided against selling the
patterns. When you reconsider I hope you'll
contact me. Maybe the market will be up - -
or - - - -.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff
ec

April 28, 1949

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

You seem to want Munro coins of Japan. The copy that is available is in perfect condition. If you want it, please let me know what you consider a fair price.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

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May 2nd. 1949.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

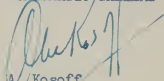
Dear Mr. Newman:

Glad to get your letter of the 28th. and note you have a ~~Monro~~
for sale.

We still need it and will pay \$12.00 for it. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
SK

May 9, 1949

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

I am sending you the Munro, for which you offered \$12.00. Since writing to you I have found a notation that Leonard Ferrer wanted to pay 4 pounds for this item, which certainly hits your price almost on the nose.

Would you, if you can, pay Mr. Johnson's estate a little more than the other so that I am not embarrassed?

Please make your check payable to the Estate of B. G. Johnson.

Sincerely,

Executor of the Estate of
Burdette G. Johnson, dec'd.

EPN/me

July 20, 1949

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

In your coming auction I note lots 607, 608 and 609, which are the small denominations of the Sommer Island coinage. I bid on these when they were offered for sale by you at Buffalo but was not successful. What I would appreciate knowing is whether there is a minimum price put on these coins or whether they are going to be sold for the best bid. If they were bought back in by Prann from the other auction I would appreciate being advised.

I thought you had made up your mind that you would never take another auction sale for a convention, but it is indeed a pleasure to see you handling the matter again.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mr. Kreisberg.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

August 12, 1949

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

I will not be present at the convention and, therefore, would appreciate it if you will do me a favor in connection with the forthcoming sale. My wife has placed me under rationing and, therefore, am not in a position to purchase coins. I know that this has happened to other collectors, and to some extent it may be justified, but I still can trade things I have for items which are for sale.

I need for my collection a Sommers Island sixpence, threepence, and twopence, which are Lots 607, 608 and 609. I will exchange two uncirculated Double Eagles for the sixpence, two uncirculated Double Eagles for the threepence, and one uncirculated Double Eagle for the twopence. Would you, therefore, submit bids for these items in such manner that you will take the coins I mention in exchange.

If this isn't a screwball proposition I want to know what is, but what else can I do? I think the bids I am making are about all that these coins will bring in the present market. Please do your best to take care of me, and I am sure we will work out these Double Eagles to your satisfaction.

Best wishes to you for a wonderful convention.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

March 15, 1950

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Kosoff:

In your March 1950 Bulletin you indicate you have three different Bermuda items. I imagine these are from the Prann collection. I am not interested in the shilling since I already have one. If you do not get an order for the group it is possible that you might find someone interested in the shilling, and I might then acquire the two smaller pieces. However, you do not indicate in what condition these are, and I would like to see them if they are not disposed of.

Kindest personal regards to you and your partner.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mw

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March 18, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Glad to get your letter of the 15th. Also glad to tell you the coins are NOT from the Framm Collection - but were consigned by a New England Dealer.

A Michigan friend took my advice and wired his order - the coins are on the way to him.

It's good to see that you do read our MONTHLY. It's a good medium and gives us plenty of action.

Kreisberg joins me in extending cordial regards.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff

ec

P.S. Mrs. Sheffield was in to see us a couple of weeks ago.

U.S. PATTERNS LISTED ACCORDING TO A.W. NUMBER

1/2 Cent
#216

1 Cent
#146

148

197

259

264

312

313

315 (only fine)

425

428

Unlisted (1863 Cent in
bronze, thick
planchet)

Unlisted (1864) Regular
type, thick
planchet, in
copper.

464

465

524

598

698

699

820

822

1656

1704

1705

3 Cent Nickel

#395

514

518

813

1652

5 Cent Nickel

#506

541

Obv. 551, Rev. 555

572

581

Unlisted, in white
metal sim-
ilar to 588

679

807

1191

1458

1667

1674

1676

1681

1687

1692

1693

1698

1701

1703

*Unlisted, in white metal
similar to 1735*

1/2 Dime

#674

798

1039

1045

1185

2 Cents

#56

405

412

452

520

3 Cent Silver

#110

1057

1059

1063

Dime

#383

391

669

670

1023

1030

1031

1032

1174

1629

1625

20 Cents

#1433

1435

1439

Quarters

#236

440

487

503

769

1144

1542

1663

Half Dollars

Unlisted obv. of 1806
struck in aluminum

#70

72

94

291

297

347

360

371

889

896

1132

1507

1524

1617

1618

Unlisted Panama
Pacific in silver.
No mint mark.

*Unlisted Panama Pacific
in copper. No mint mark*

Silver Dollar

#83

871

1483

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U.S. PATTERNS LISTED ACCORDING TO A.W. NUMBER

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in silver.

1325

Gold Dollars

50

160

167

489

844

1092

1478

Quarter Eagle

487

1558

Three Dollars

718

838

Eagle

356

651

Double Eagle

528

828

1076

Unlisted. Similar to 276
but in bronze gilt.

1211

1573

September 13, 1950

Mr. Abner Kreisberg
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

Just as you indicated, your fellow AK came to St. Louis on his return to the West Coast and I spent the entire day with him. We talked coins and then we changed to talking about coins. His wife came out to our house and my wife and I enjoyed meeting her very much. In fact, my wife even had her working for us by knitting. In any event, the day was a lot of fun.

You will recall that I took a few Vermont cents, which I indicated were at fancy prices, to see if there were any I do not have and the only one I would like to keep is the Overstrike which you invoiced at \$3.00. The books, of course, I will keep.

I am also sending you a 1938 proof set which I would like to exchange for a 1939 proof set and you can give me whatever credit you think I deserve.

If you refer to your correspondence with me of January 14 and January 19, 1949, you will note that I sent you a list of patterns. As I discussed with Abe, I would like you to revalue these patterns individually in an effort to work something out. There are some I may wish to keep and some which I will be willing to part with. Since he is the expert on patterns it should not take him too long. I am sending you an extra copy so you

Mr. Abner Kreisberg
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September 13, 1950

will still have a copy in your file of what you write down.

There are a lot of things which your partner and I discussed and he will tell you about them when he returns home.

Sincerely yours

EPNewman/fw

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ABNER KREISBERG



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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

September 19, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Your letter of the 13th arrived just about the time I returned home. I want to thank you for the very cordial hospitality which you extended to my wife and me. We had a wonderful time with you.

I shall get into the pattern list at the earliest possible moment and forward the figures to you. Abner will take care of the proof set exchange.

I am pleased also to tell you that our library edition of the Menjou catalog is being forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff

Memo

9/29

From

A. KOSOFF

To

Dear Eric - Been so swamped
since returning home - but I'll
follow up on the patterns real
soon.

Yours hasty note

Abe

Will 2 vacation
Catalogue proofs here for correction
Missed my putt or 18 or green
Groubles?

a

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

8943 Wilshire Blvd.

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

September 29, 1950

Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear NGs:

While you have featured the fact that you are AKs I do not believe you have played up the fact that your business is NG. I am not referring to the Guatemala City Mint, either. Of course, I don't believe that the Numismatic Gallery deserves to be referred to by the first letter of each word in it.

Do you still want to publish the picture of the Confederate Half in its mounting even if it is not for sale? I don't believe I can get a good photostat of it and will have to have a photograph taken, but if you want me to I will try it.

Thank you very much for the Menjou Catalog, and I look forward to hearing from you with respect to the patterns.

Best wishes to both of you.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mw

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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

October 9, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Of course I've expected someone to bring up the NG and I'm happy you did so with the modification which closes your first paragraph (Sept. 29th).

Our Large Cent Sale is scheduled for November 14th and soon I expect to get a whale of a collection of Territorial Gold. Another fine catalogue is in the offing.

Eric, you wanted to know when a good spot was open for a big consignment from you. Well, confidentially, the 1950 Convention Auction has been offered to us. We don't particularly want it because the expense of handling such a sale is out of proportion. In short, there's no money in it and the only one who benefits is the consignor. Of course, the "prestige" value does accrue but how much "prestige" can I eat?

If you would consider this spot, and one more big consignment, now pending, came through, I would seriously consider handling that Convention Sale -- though at present I cannot say definitely that I would. Let me have your thoughts on the subject -- and a trifle more patience on the patterns. I'll work on it this week.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A. Kosoff
ec

October 24, 1950

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

If you undertake to handle the next Convention's sale I believe I will be in a position to give you some material for it. However, I do not wish to make a final commitment at this time as if the stock market is not strong prior to the sale I would not feel that it was financially advisable. As I told you, I am in no rush to dispose of anything and might just as well try to pick a peak, if there is such.

I know you won't turn down the Convention sale as you seem to eat prestige and enjoy it. The same thing is true in this company. We maintain prestige. We sell shoes at a small loss in order to give the public value. Since we don't sell too many we don't lose very much.

How about those patterns?

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mw

Memo

Sept 20
From

ABNER KREISBERG

To Dear Mr Newman.

Am enclosing 1939
Pf. Set - balance is
as follows:

bal - \$ 9 -
credit on
Proof Set $\frac{2 -}{7 -}$

This sounds like
a lot of bookkeeping.
Big deal - Best regards.

Abner
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8943 Wilshire Blvd.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

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A. KOSOFF
ABNER KRHSBERG



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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

October 24, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

My apologies re the patterns. I've marked up most of them and haven't been able to get to the others. For the present here are the figures (attached) and I'll get the balance to you presently (when is that?)

Our Large Cent Sale looks like a real success - tho it's still early. A catalogue for the Book Sale in December just went to the printer's and now we have just acquired a Territorial Collection (out of Cinn.) that is something. More later about this.

I haven't heard from you in regard to the Convention Sale. The Phoenix group wants us to run it but so far I've said "no dice" — they are holding it open for us — to take it or leave it — for a couple of months. Let me have your thoughts on the subject. It's a "BIG NAME" deal — this ANA Convention.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY



A. Kosoff
ec
Enc.

U. S. PATENT LISTING ACCORDING TO A. J. MURPHY

1/2 Cent

#216

1 Cent

#146

148 - 17.50

197 - 17.50

259 - 50.00

264 - 18.00

312 - 11.00

313 - 15.00

315 (only fine)

425 - 11.00

428 - 16.00

Unlisted (1883) Cent in
bronze, thick planchet

Unlisted (1864) Regular
type, thick planchet

in copper.

464 - 35.00

465 - 35.00

524 - 55.00

598

498 - 14.00

499 - 15.00

820 - 12.50

822

1656 - 25.00

1704 - 27.50

1705 - 19.00

2 Cents

#56

405

412 - 11.00

452 - 20.00

520 - 9.50

3 Cents Silver

#110 - 12.50

1057 - 11.00

1059 - 11.00

1063 - 12.00

2 Cent Nickel

#395 - 17.50

514 - 15.00

518 - 20.00

813 - 24.50

1652 - 20.00

5 Cent Nickel

#506 - 36.00

541 - 16.00

Obv. 551, Rev. 555

572 - 18.50

581 - 211.00

Unlisted, in white metal
similar to 588

679

807

1191 - 25.00

1458

1667

1674

1676

1681

1687

1692

1693

1698

1701

1703

Unlisted, in white metal
similar to 1735

1/2 Dime

#674 - 16.00

798 - 27.00

1039

1045 - 15.00

1185 - 10.00

Dime

#583

391

669 - 37.50

670 - 26.00

1023 - 14.00

1030 - 10.50

1031 - 2.00

1032 - 9.00

1174

1629 - 17.50

1655 - 17.50

20 Cents

#1432 - 25.00

1435 - 35.00

1439

Quarters

#236 - 50.00

440 - 34.00

487 - 27.00

503 - 27.00

769 - 10.00

1144 - 22.00

1442 - 20.00

1663 - 28.50

Half Dollars

Unlisted obv. of 1806
struck in aluminum

#70 - 48.00

72 - 45.00

94 - 165.00

291 - 14.00

297 - 17.50

347

360 - 12.00

371 - 57.50

689 - 16.50

896

1132

1507

1524

1617 - 24.00

1618 - 55.00

Unlisted Panama
Pacific in silver.

No mint mark.

Same in copper.

Silver Dollar

#83 - 550.00

871 - 48.00

1483

1566

1585 - 35.00

1587 - 37.50

1608 - 70.00

1603 - 31.00

1611 - 26.00

1630 - 27.50

1643 - 22.00

1646 - 46.00

1647 - 48.00

1716 - 45.00

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NUMBER

Trade Dollar

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 Rev. 1328,
 in silver.

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Unlisted. Similar to 1559,
 in silver

Unlisted Obv. 1318,
 Rev. 1328,
 in silver.

1325 - 20.00

Gold Dollars

#50 - 165.00

160

167 - 19.00

489 - 18.00

844 - 23.00

1092 - 27.50

1478 - 45.00

Quarter Eagle

#487 - 27.00

1558 - 31.00

Three Dollars

#718

838 - 105.00

Eagle

#356 - 10.00

651 - 17.00

Double Eagle

#528 - 47.50

828 - 100.00

1076

Unlisted. Similar to 276 but
 in bronze gilt.

1211 - 32.50

1573 - 125.00

42 liberty heads in one package

<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>
1880	2
1882	1
1886	2
1892	1
1893	3
1895	2
1898	1
1900	14
1901	6
1903	1
1904	2
1907	4
1908	<u>3</u>
	42

47 liberty heads in one package

		<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>
1851	1	1900	<u>6</u>
1874	1	1901	5
1878	1	1905	1
1879	1	1906	5
1880	6	1908	<u>1</u>
1881	4		47
1882	3		
1886	2		
1892	2		
1895	1		
1897	3		
1898	2		
1899	2		

29 Indian heads in one package

<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>
1908	1
1909	13
1910	3
1911	3
1912	2
1913	2
1914	4
1915	<u>1</u>
	29

\$10.00	(Eagles)	\$200.00	1879 - 1881
		200.00	1881 - 1882
		200.00	1882 - 1887 S
		200.00	1887 S - 1893
		200.00	1893 - 1895 O
		<u>200.00</u>	1896 - 1898
	Total	\$1,200.00	

\$10.00	(Eagles)	\$200.00	1910 - D
		200.00	1910 D to 1911
		200.00	1911 to 1913
		<u>250.00</u>	1913 to 1913
	Total	\$850.00	

\$ 5.00	\$5.00 Gold Pieces	29 pieces Indian Head 1/2 Eagles
		89 " Liberty Head 1/2 Eagles
		<u>118</u> Total
		(Current mkt. value \$1,700.00)
		Total face value \$590.00

\$20.00	(Double Eagles)	20 pieces	1851 - 1878
		20 "	1878 - 1902 S
		13 "	1907 D - 1914 D
		<u>53</u> " total	
		(53 pieces)	
		\$1,060.00	

\$10.00	Eagles	\$200.00	1898 to 1899S
		200.00	1899S to 1901
		200.00	1901 to 1906D
		200.00	1906D to 1906S
		200.00	1906S to 1907 1/2 IN
		<u>200.00</u>	1908 1/2 to 1910D
		\$1,200.00	

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8943 WILSHIRE BLVD., Beverly Hills, CALIFORNIA

Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

October 30, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Glad to get your letter of October 24th.

About eating prestige - I also eat apple pie but once in a while you turn it down - when you have a belly full. Actually, I had already turned down the sale, but Leon Belt, ex-ANA president and general manager of the Phoenix Convention, insisted I reconsider and doesn't want a "No" -- until the end of the year. He'll take a "Yes" tomorrow.

As for a consignment - it really cannot be done at the last minute. A Convention sale takes a lot of time, and foreseeing the future - we did see a weak market in 1948 and turned down the Boston Affair.

I feel confident of a good market in 1951 and that consideration does not even enter into our hesitation about accepting. It is primarily the amount of work involved and the small profit. Besides we are branching back into the Antique Game on January 1st and also obtained several large Collections, which require attention and concentration. I won't commit myself on the Convention unless I'm sure I can do the job justice.

I've sent a partial list of the Patterns and will finish up as soon as I can get to it.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY



A. Kosoff
ec

November 13, 1950

Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear A.K.s:

An attorney who is a good friend of mine has just shown me a "collection" of United States gold coins which an estate is going to sell. He has secured bids from Art Kelly, Jim Kelly and Max Mehl, and I told him to hold up until a friend of mine could bid. They have all made a bid in bulk. In fairness he will not disclose any of the bids to me, but as a joke I told him I could name the fellows who made the best bid in order, and I named them Jim Kelly the highest, Art Kelly second, and Max Mehl third. He smiled and indicated that I was correct. So apparently Jim Kelly has the highest bid.

I examined the coins and there are no rarities, but the coins are in generally nice condition, none beaten up and quite a clean lot. If you want to put in a written bid, please send it to me to deliver to the attorney, Mr. Wilbur Jones, of St. Louis, Missouri.

If your bid is successful I would like the privilege of taking out a few coins to improve dates which I have or to fill in perhaps some I do not have. I would not take out more than 25 coins altogether. All would be substituted with coins of the same denomination and general condition.

There are 53 Double Eagles, about 10 of the St. Gaudens, and the balance Liberties. There are 325 Eagles, of which 85 are Indian Head and 240 Liberty Head. There are 118 Half Eagles, 89 Liberty Heads and 29 Indian Head. The total face value appears to be \$4900.00. Let me have a written bid from you as soon as possible, addressed to Mr. Jones, and I am assured there will be no more bids obtained. I wish I could help you by knowing what Jim Kelly's bid is, but you may be familiar with what he is paying. Art Kelly is the only one who has seen them and Jim Kelly merely bid from a list indicating scattered dates, etc. which is not too accurate. If you don't want to bid on this bunch you won't hurt my feelings a bit.

Kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

Nov. 18, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:-

Glad to hear from you and sure appreciate your thinking of us in this instance.

We have just closed our Large Cent sale and it went much better than we had hoped for.

About the collection of gold, we are enclosing a bid to Mr. Jones as outlined by you. We would much rather bid on a "real" collection, if you know what I mean.

Prices in general are good and it might be a good idea to start looking over your coins, etc.

Best regards from both of us,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Kosoff', written over a large, light blue circular stamp.

this is Saturday - Had to type this myself - Looks it - doesn't it?

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc.

November 20, 1950

Mr. James Kelly
Third and Broadway
Dayton 7, Ohio

Dear Jim:

There is a large "collection" of Double Eagles, Eagles, and Half Eagles in the hands of an attorney who is a friend of mine. Quite sometime ago he asked me about selling them and indicated he wanted to take bids. I told him that perhaps there were a few pieces I might like, but when the bids came in he indicated that they were for the entire lot. I told him that if I saw the coins I might bid on the entire lot. I looked over all the coins and they are a clean lot, although there are no rarities and hardly any in super choice condition. They certainly average very fine.

I do not know what you bid, although I do know that you were given the opportunity to bid, as the attorney is handling the matter in a fair and proper manner.

If you get the lot, would you care if I substituted for any ones I do not have the identical denomination in the same condition? If there were any rarities or scarcities in this group I would not ask this favor, but since there are none I don't think you really care. I would merely make a memorandum of those I wanted and send you the ones to exchange for them.

Numismatically I have been temporarily dormant while I am collecting American atlases. As soon as that phase passes over I will go to work again on my coins.

With kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

Eric

EPNewman/uw

November 21, 1950

Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Coins:

Apparently Jim Kelly must have put in a higher bid than you did for Double Eagles, Eagles, and Half Eagles, and, therefore, I do not believe your bid will be accepted. I am sure you are not concerned.

I will start looking over my coins at the earliest opportunity in the hope of getting somewhere with you, but as I indicated before, I do not wish to make a commitment to sell anything if the market is not right. However, you can count on me not to neglect working on the matter.

My best to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/mw

William Jones has

30 Indian \$5

90 Liberty \$5

85 Eagles Indian

300 Eagles Liberty

53 Double Eagles

29
89

25

~~200~~ 240

53

496

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November 24, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st. We were not particularly concerned about the lot of gold coins and do not mind losing out on the deal.

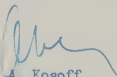
We are planning a couple of fine sales this winter and spring, and suggest that you get to work on your coins. The market is certainly favorable.

Surprising as it may seem to you, we have definitely turned down the Phoenix auction sale.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
jc

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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

December 6, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Ave.,
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

We hope you have looked over our Auction Catalogue
of December 15, which has a nice collection of books.

What happened to the collection of U. S. gold? If
it is still available, let me know and I'll bid \$41.00
on the double eagles and \$39.50 on the balance (the
market is a bit better now).

Best regards.

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abner', written over the typed name.

Abner Kreisberg
sl

December 11, 1950

Mr. Abner Kreisberg
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

The collection of Double Eagles, etc. went to Mr. Mehl under circumstances which I am sorry to report were not to my liking. A few days after receiving your bill he telephoned the lawyer and asked if he was the high bidder and when he was told he was not he put in a new bid. The lawyer selling the coins did not feel he was doing wrong by telling Mehl that he was not the high bidder, since he did not disclose the amount of any bid. I feel otherwise. Anyhow, I am not sure your bid was high at that time. Sorry it worked out that way.

Sincerely,

EPNewman;atb

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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

December 15, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Ave.,
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your note of the 11th. I appreciate your remarks. The attorney in the matter must have a peculiar code of ethics.

This experience is not new to us. In fact, in most instances, we will not submit any bids. The matter is of no great importance either way as there was not a hell of a lot in the deal. It does happen that the market has picked up considerably in the past week, but there will be others.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Kosoff'.

A. Kosoff
sl

January 12, 1951

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
8943 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

Good Luck on your new venture in the antique business.

I am also surprised to learn the Williams' collection has come your way. I was going to ask about Colonial coins in that collection but I see some one beat me to them. Whoever that was seemed to be a different kind of a collector.

You told me that you sold a set of Vermont coins to someone in the East and I am wondering if you would do me a favor. Would it be possible for you to write to that party and state that I am seriously interested in studying the Vermont group further and that I am fully informed as to the work Mr. Richardson and Mr. Ryder have done and am trying to add something to that? If they are willing to cooperate, I will get in touch with them directly. Handle it in any manner you wish.

You will note in this month's "Numismatist" that my Confederate half dollar has been given the blessing of Mr. Philpott.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman;atb

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ABNER KREISBERG



NUMISMATIC GALLERY

8943 WILSHIRE BLVD., Beverly Hills, CALIFORNIA

Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

NEW ADDRESS:
228 NO. BEVERLY DR.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

January 15, 1951

Mr. E. P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

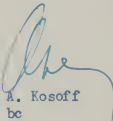
Dear Eric:

Thanks for your nice letter of the 12th. We consider ourselves quite fortunate in acquiring the Williams' collection although we did have a bit of a tough break on the Colonials. Undoubtedly they will show up some day.

The set of Vermont coins came out of Jim Clarke's collection and was sold to an eastern client. I think, perhaps, Jim has a complete record of all of the varieties. As I recall it, there were about 40 pieces and I seem to recall that Ryder 15 was missing. I subsequently picked that piece up from Fred Boyd.

If you can get nowhere with Jim, who has not been too well of late, I will follow through on your suggestion, although the possibility of getting information from that end is rather remote.

Kindest regards.



A. Kosoff
bc

October 3, 1951

Mr. Abe Kosoff
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

The paper money catalog is superb and it ought to be, in view of the source.

I am going to bid, strangely enough, on a few items and would like to have you send me, for inspection, Lot No. 664, First National Bank of Newman, Georgia. The only reason I would want this note is because of the similarity in names. I will return it immediately but merely want to see whether it will be presentable.

I have an extra 1834 quarter Eagle with motto so if you need another one due to an excessive number of high bids, we can exchange something for it.

Kindest regards to you and Abner.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb

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A. KOSOFF
ABNER KREISBERG



NUMISMATIC GALLERY

228 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California

Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

October 5, 1951.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I am enclosing lot No. 664 for your examination.

I suppose it could have been laundered a bit but we haven't touched any of the notes. We request that you return it promptly by air.

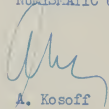
I'll keep in mind the fact that you have that 1834 quarter eagle with motto. May be able to use it. I am sure you have plenty of other coins we could use, but somehow it's like pulling teeth to get something out of you, but we have a lot of patience.

Look forward to your reply and to your bid sheet.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY



A. Kosoff
ec
Enc.

October 11, 1951

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe;

Thank you for your letter of October 5, 1951, sending the lot No. 664 which, unfortunately, is not spelled as listed in the catalog. I will bid on it just the same, but not with the same enthusiasm.

In your monthly list I note Lot No. 1040 and Lot No. 1042, being Vermont cents, and wonder if you would send them to me on approval; being a variety hunter I am never satisfied.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb

October 22, 1951

Numismatic Gallery
228 No. Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Gentlemen:

I am sorry to return the two Vermont coins which you sent me as No. 1040 is a 1788 rather than a 1787 and, unfortunately, I have No. 1042. Both these coins are in lovely condition. They are both Ryder No. 20.

If you would have offered me the wonderful collection of Vermont coins which you sold to some one else some time ago, then we could have done some business but, unfortunately, I did not get first crack at that other group.

I certainly hope the sale was successful.

Sincerely yours,

EFN;atb

November 8, 1951

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

I have found something which I think is unusual. I have a silver proclamation piece of Charles IV, slightly larger than crown size dated January 17, 1790, the main motto of which reads: EN SU FELIZ PROCLAMACION LA CUIDAD DE LOS ANGELES. I had never heard of a proclamation piece covering a portion of the land which is now the United States, but that doesn't mean much. I presume, of course, it is from your Los Angeles. It contains a portrait on one side and has a picture of a church being held up by angels in a seal as a part of the design on the reverse.

Is there something in Los Angeles history which has to do with January 17, 1790? I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether you want to see it or whether you are familiar with such an item.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb.

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A. KOSOFF
ABNER KREISBERG



NUMISMATIC GALLERY

228 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California

Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

December 13, 1951.

Mr. Eric Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Newman:

Sorry to be so tardy replying to your letter of November 8th.

After exhaustive checking with libraries, newspaper reference files, etc., we have the following items to offer:

First of all the only definite reference is in Volume III of Bancroft's History of Mexico which you may consult for greater detail.

Charles IV, King of Spain, first issued an edict on December 27, 1789 to the effect that feast days would take place in honor of his accession to the throne - and stating that the celebration was to be kept within bounds in order to work no hardship on the populace. By notice of January 23, 1790, the days February 25th to 28th were set aside for the fiesta.

Now about Ciudad de Los Angeles - it appears that this is not the City of Los Angeles (California). There was, of course, a Puebla de Los Angeles in Mexico - and mayhap a city of the same name. This I can't check for sure but local Los Angeles history evidently contains nothing of importance for January 17, 1790.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Carrick
Elizabeth Carrick

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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

July 11, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

It's been a long time between drinks and a long one would probably go well with you if St. Louis is its usual torrid self.

I ran across some old correspondence in which you listed some Patterns. Aware of your hesitancy to dispose of anything, I presume you will have them. If so, here's a matter which might interest you.

I am working on a fixed price list of Patterns which will offer a real lot of beauties -- with the usual splash, etc. Would you like to have your stuff listed?

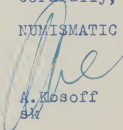
Another thing, You once had a batch of early half-dollars. We can use a run of dates for one of our customers. He also wants uncirculated mint-marks and proofs.

Another chap wants the Barber Quarters in uncirculated and proofs.

Hope you and yours are all well, Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
sk

July 17, 1952

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

It was very nice to hear from you and I have just returned from Europe where I had an exciting time with the Russians in Vienna.

My interest in coins has prompted me to write a history on the Fugio dollar which should be published shortly and is a subject about which no one seems to know anything and after reading the article you will conclude I am among them. I am also working on an article on imitation halfpence which is the toughest subject I have ever tackled because all information was concealed when they were made. Those tied into Vermont coinage to a great extent and imitation halfpence hubs were used in making the seated figure on the 1787-88 Vermont cents which have the shield with the British Coat of Arms whereas the 1786 shield is the Vermont shield.

You never told me the party to whom you sold the wonderful collection of Vermont cents and I would like very much to know, for information purposes, so that I can ask a few questions.

I have plenty of duplicates of the various items you mention you are interested in but you are going to have to produce something to exchange with me. If you can suggest a basis of exchange for double eagles or for some coin or coins I don't have, then I can go to work on it.

As usual, I will not be at the Convention as I do not indulge in drinking.

Let me know what you have to suggest.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

July 28th, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I enjoyed getting your letter of the 17th and to learn of your work on the Fugio dollar.

I am obliged to withhold the name of the party to whom we sold the collection of Vermont Cents, because of his request. However, if you have any questions on the subject which I can put to him, I am sure we can get some response.

As for a possible exchange of material, I am sure we could at least use Double Eagles as a base. When your climate cools down a bit, perhaps you can go to work and dig up some material.

With kindest personal regards,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
vmh

August 5, 1952

Mr. A. Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

I would like to ask your client who owns the collection of Vermont cents whether there are any varieties in cents to those mentioned by Richardson which are supplement to Ryder's list. I would also like to know whether he has any imitation British halfpence or Tory cent combinations, dies or coins, other than Ryder 13 and Ryder 31. I am tracing all of the hubs used for the manufacture of Vermont cents and have some very interesting information showing that the same hubs were used for American counterfeits of British halfpence as were used for some of the Vermont cents. I am working on an article which will cover all of this information and merely wanted any additional facts from your customer if he has any.

Are you going to the Convention and, if you are, would you care to make two or three bids for me on coins in which I am interested? Would you let me know by return mail and I will give you the details.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

August 6, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of the 5th and am today writing to the man who owns the Vermont Cents requesting the information you want to get. I shall forward it to you.

I am going to the Convention and will be happy to handle your bids for you. I would suggest that you write to me at the Statler Hotel in New York City. I plan to arrive there on the 14th, but would suggest that you mark your letter "Hold for Arrival".

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be "A. Kosoff", written over a faint circular stamp.

A. Kosoff
vmh

August 11, 1952

Mr. A. Kosoff
C/o Statler Hotel
New York City, New York

Dear Abe:

I very much appreciate your cooperation in offering to enter certain bids for me and I am sure you understand the reasons why I am not bidding directly. There are so many people who know about the sale that the privacy of bids will be very hard to keep. I am giving you maximum bids which I do not believe will be reached in most cases and I will expect to compensate you, in some reasonable manner, for your services. I certainly could exchange patterns, of equal value, plus a buyer's commission for the coins you acquire for me.

The most important coin to me is Lot No. 2415, which is a Continental Dollar in brass. This coin, I believe, was offered by Kelley for \$145.00 a few years ago and I did not buy it. It is only in fine condition but it will serve my needs and it should not sell for much more now. The maximum bids are as follows:

Monday night	August 18	#1572	Agrippina	\$175.00
" "	" "	#1574	Nero	\$100.00
" "	" "	#1575	Vespasian	\$175.00
" "	" "	#1580	Adrian	\$160.00
Tuesday afternoon	" 19	#2381	Pine Tree	\$ 35.00
" "	" "	#2407	Kentucky	\$ 35.00
" "	" "	#2415	Continental	\$215.00
Thursday evening	" 21	#4673	Potosi	\$ 35.00

I hope this will not be a burden to you and I can assure you the quantity of choice material in this sale is so great that people might be running out of money after the cent collection is sold.

Thanks for writing the Vermont Cent letter.

Have a wonderful time at the convention.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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September 3, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

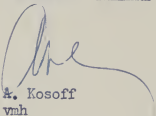
Dear Eric:

Just returned home and want to advise that I did pick up one or two coins, I don't recall which just at the moment. The material is being shipped to me and I will advise when it arrives. In most instances the coins brought higher prices than your bids. One other bid went lower, but when I examined it I didn't think you would like it.

I might tell you that the Sale went very well and prices held up despite the great quantity of material offered.

Best regards,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY


A. Kosoff
vmh

Just rec'd the lot.

Sending 2 coins

2 pieces -

1.580

2381

140 000

33 000

September 10, 1952

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

I hope that the King of Egypt does not owe you any more money for coins shipped as that seems to be the situation some dealers are confronted with. If the King of Egypt and a few others would stay out of the coin field private collectors could have a few more opportunities but, no doubt, dealers would suffer.

Unfortunately I did not get the lots I wanted in the sale but I fully recognize the problem of fictitious bids.

You paid out \$173.00. I made a swap of coins with a friend of mine and I am enclosing his check for \$197.00, payable to you, and I am still entitled to some balance in coins on the swap. You send me whatever balance you think is right in half eagles or the like.

If the group of patterns which you have sell very well I am sure we can work out an exchange for the patterns I do not need in my collection.

Due to one of your neighbors, Mr. Maxwell Hunley, in the book field, I have been collecting atlases and am having a very enjoyable time doing it.

Thank you for your cooperation and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

September 11, 1952

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

I wrote you yesterday but I had not examined your monthly bulletin. Please send me Lot No. 2691, being the Duke of Vermont cent, if these are new with you and not the old ones which you had in stock for a year or so.

I also want to clear up the fact that I am not making any money on the \$197.00 check which was forwarded as the Hadrian coin for \$140.00 was for a friend of mine who also wanted a coin I had which was worth about \$57.00. I told him I would not sell it to him but he could trade me the Pine Tree shilling which was obtained from you and trade it to me with something else. He did not have anything else so he told me to get that from you. Thus the maneuver was unwound.

Incidentally, I presume T. James Clark has nice collector's material left in spite of disposing of large portions and I would not be too surprised if you handled it for his widow.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

315 WASHINGTON AVE.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

ERIC P. NEWMAN
SECRETARY

OCT 6 1952

October 3, 1952

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you very much for the coin you sent to balance
my fancy exchange.

I am looking forward to your list on patterns and
wonder if you have a 1792 Disme, in copper. Kagin
has two at this point but has ideas of grandeur
with respect to their value.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



EPN/atb

*Eric - bring don't have one.
Eric - Hasty reply
O.K.*

October 3, 1952

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

February 6, 1953

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 No. Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Abe:

I appreciate your writing to ask me if I would sell anything in the coming A.N.A. auction but I must decline, for the present. Mr. Schermerhorn, of Dallas, has come up to see me to ask me to exhibit items at the convention and they seem to want to make it rather a grand affair.

I have not been out to California in quite some years now and hope you and your partner are continuing to enjoy your expanded lines of business.

You will recall you could not disclose the name of the purchaser of a collection of Vermont cents and I asked you to see if they would let me take any pictures. I have Freddie Boyd's collection at my home now and if I could get pictures of the best specimens there are where one of us does not have them - so if you get a chance to follow up on the party to whom you sold the Vermont cents - I will certainly appreciate it as a decent set of photos have never been published.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

MEMO

1/20

From
A. KOSOFF

To

Dear Eric -

Its time for another U.A.G. auction -
Would you consider consigning some
Choice pieces ? -

Regards

AK

NUMISMATIC GALLERY
228 No. Beverly Dr.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

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Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

May 11, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I wonder if you would care to arrange for some of the
Armand Brand consignments to come this way. I'm sure
we could do a good job and since the stuff is being
moved we would like to get a share.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

NUMISMATIC GALLERY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Kosoff'.

A. Kosoff
vmh

May 11, 1953

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Numismatic Gallery
228 No. Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

Your circular says that you have a wonderful collection of wooden money.

I would like to obtain the wooden money issued at Perryville, Perry County, Missouri, and wonder if you have that in the collection.

I would also purchase, if you wish, any of the wooden Missouri money which you have on hand.

You previously indicated that you wanted some coins to sell at the ANA Convention and if you do not have enough let me know, more or less, what you wish. I would give the coins to charity and, no doubt, the charity would follow my recommendation that you sell them.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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NUMISMATIC GALLERY

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Crestview 14281

Cable: NUMGALLERY BeverlyHillsCalifornia

May 13, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of May 11th. We have this big mess of wooden money but at the moment it is packed away and we would have to get around to it which I'll do as soon as the Convention Catalogue is out of the way.

As far as the A.N.A. Convention is concerned we do have quite a lot of material, but of course, are always on the look out for high-lights. If you have any special pieces which we could really raise the roof about we sure would like to get them.

Apparently your letter of the 11th crossed a note which I sent to you the other day in regard to the Brand material. I sure hope you can work something out for us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Kosoff'.

A. Kosoff
vnh

MEMO

June 10, 1950

From
A. KOSOFF

To Mr. Eric F. Newman

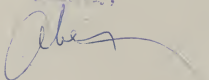
Dear Eric:

I may be able to sell that Confederate
50 cent piece. How much does it have
to cost?

I had hoped to hear from you in regard
to my recent letter concerning the
Broad material. Are there any coordi-
nations along these lines?

Cordial regards,

Sincerely,



NUMISMATIC GALLERY

228 No. Beverly Dr.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

June 19, 1953

Mr. Abe Kosoff
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abe:

I have been out of town and hesitate to neglect my hobby even for my work.

The Confederate half dollar is a legitimate coin and not in a class with the 1913 nickel, the 1804 dollar or the other fakes which you dealers sell as rare coins and which your customers buy in spite of knowledge that the coins are artificial. I, therefore, continue to derive enjoyment from my Confederate half dollar.

I can not help you on the Brand material as New Netherlands seems well entrenched on a good bulk of it and are good friends of mine and have been handling the matter satisfactorily. Leonard Forrer has had some of the Brand material and I hope he makes enough money out of it to pay the Johnson Estate some of the money which is still due. As much as I would like to I, therefore, can not be of benefit to you in this situation.

I am going to bring the wooden money to the coin club here and see if they want it. For that reason I have delayed answering on that matter. The earlier Missouri wooden money you did not send and it was the earlier items that I wished.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/umj

January 3, 1955

Mr. A. Kosoff
P. O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abet:

I am glad you have been successful in your recent sales, and I must admit I am glad that I did the bulk of my collecting in the past.

I do not follow the logic of many of today's prices particularly in comparison to rarity. People will collect a plate letter of one series and not even be interested in a rare major variety of another. If I sold my Confederate half-dollar today, I am satisfied I could break the record for the highest priced coin~~s~~.

You asked for some information concerning a 1783 piece metal in pewter. My article on 1776 Continental currency coinage was published in the July-August 1952 Number of the Coinage Collector's Journal. I illustrate the ~~piece~~ metal and describe it. It is listed as Item #614 of American colonial history illustrated by contemporary metals which was written by Betts in 1894. There are many more ~~of~~ two known; but since it is a metal and not a coin, I have done little research on this subject.

If you cannot place your hands on the Coin Collector's Journal in which my article is published, any other dealer which has Raymond's Booklets will send it to you.

I have three or four new articles in process, and I am enclosing you a reprint of the last one which was published.

A pleasant and successful New Year to you.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv



A. KOSOFF

Numismatist

POST OFFICE BOX 456
ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

STATE 4-5005

December 29, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

It has been a long time since we have corresponded and I do hope you and yours have all been well. Things on this end have been humming, as usual, and the year we are winding up has been a pretty good one. We have just completed the sale of the T. James Clarke paper money with remarkable results, with a similar response to our offering of the Confederate currency out of the Williams Collection.

Now I am occupied with a couple of auctions which will offer Clarke's large cents as well as a couple of outstanding collections of United States coins, including that of Tom Melish.

I am writing at this moment to ask what information you can give me concerning the continental currency. I recall that you wrote a paper on the subject some time ago and thought Raymond had printed it. I can't seem to find a copy of it around the office. I am particularly interested in the piece which has the regular reverse but the obverse is of the Peace type showing the standing Indian and the date below in Roman numerals, 1783, and below that Sept 4. I am sure you are familiar with it. What little notes I have on the item indicate that there are supposed to be only two known.

Any information you can give me on this matter will be deeply appreciated.

My very best wishes to you and yours for a happy 1956.

Cordially,

AK:jw

A. Kosoff

Hear from

Keep

on my list

Dear Friend,

For the (past year you have been receiving my Coin Bulletins and Auction Catalogues.

In March my Bulletin #5 carried A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM A.K. TO YOU, in the hope that it would activate your account.

In April my Auction Catalogue was sent to you. Unfortunately I received no response from you to any of our mailings.

Now I must make room for other collectors who wish to be on my mailing list. It is with regret that I am forced to remove your name from my active files.

*But would like to
hear from*

Very sincerely yours,
A. Kosoff

P.S.: Bulletin #6 has been released—I'm going to make a final investment! I'll send a copy to you. Will you justify my action and respond this time?

for *Al*

A.K.

A. KOSOFF

P. O. BOX 456

ENCINO, CALIFORNIA



A. KOSOFF

Numismatist

POST OFFICE BOX 456
ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

STATE 4-5005

January 6, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your prompt reply to my letter. I always enjoy hearing from you.

I enjoyed the article on the 1/24th real which, of course, I read in the *Numismatist* some months ago. I am glad to have the reprint; let me reciprocate with a few notes I had published in the Scrapbook. I think you might get a bang out of it.

I note your comments concerning the Confederate half dollar. Once before you made a chance remark concerning the 1913 nickel and I ended up buying it. Could this possibly mean you have an intention of disposing of this Confederate piece?

Let me put a bug in your ear: as you know, I am cataloguing a very important sale to be held in April. On April 21st I will sell the T. James Clarke large cents. The sale will be held at the Statler Hotel in New York City. The following weekend I will have a three-session sale offering Tom Melish's collection plus lots of other material which will exceed \$100,000.00 in value. Would you consider consigning this Confederate half dollar to be included in that auction? Let me assure you that I will work out an arrangement completely satisfactory to you. It would be a most interesting matter. Give it a little thought, and I hope you decide favorably.

A very pleasant and happy New Year to you and yours.

Sincerely,



A. Kosoff

AK:jw
encl.

To Eric from ABE

Money Talks - Series I. The fascination which an old coin holds for me lies not so much in the coin itself as in the story it tells. If collectors enjoy to the full the accumulation of dates and mint marks, then by all means stick to that formula. I submit that a little deeper delving into the story behind the coin would add immensely to the satisfaction to be obtained. It is with this thought in mind that I am writing a series of articles entitled "Money Talks," in each of which the central theme relates the story behind the coin.

Athena Speaks

By A. KOSOFF

I AM ATHENA, daughter of Zeus, goddess of wisdom and practical arts, patron of Athens, the City of the violet crown.

You who see my sadly ruined Acropolis must believe it a glorious site fresh from the hands of Ictinus, the architect. Yet you are fortunate for the view from the Acropolis looking out to sea over the Bay of Salamis, towards Aegina, is as lovely as ever. Only our forests on the now bare hills are gone. The unequalled color of the sky and sea, the splendid outline of the mountains, the hundreds of islands sprinkled along the horizon—it is inexpressively lovely.

Until the Venetians besieged my city in 1687, the great Parthenon was almost perfect. The glorious works of Pheidias and his school are preserved in the British Museum, having been purchased by Lord Elgin in 1812. This contribution of Greek culture to your civilization is one of our proudest achievements but hardly our only one.

In our city states where democracy prevailed, the political ideal was to have every citizen take part in making the laws. The idea of majority rule by vote originated in Greece—born in an age of despotism. Our city-states flourished until 547 B.C. when Croesus, wealthy king of Lydia, lost his throne to the Persians who then had the rest of Asia Minor at their mercy.

For 50 years the Persians marched, taking city after city until in 490

B.C. they sought to conquer my Athens. Outwitting the Persians and outfighting them, the badly outnumbered Athenians crushed their enemy on the plains of Marathon. A messenger ran the 26 miles from Marathon to Athens to bring the news. But Darius of Persia prepared for a second assault on Athens. Before he could start, he died, leaving the task to his son, Xerxes, who marched at the head of an overpowering number of soldiers, took Athens, plundered our temples and burned much of our beautiful city.

Fortunately, Themistocles had built a fleet which could and did finally conquer the Persians.

When in 463 B.C. Pericles ruled Athens, he had as his advisers Pheidias, Sophocles and Anaxagoras. These great men, sculptor, dramatist and philosopher, stimulated Pericles to make Athens the most beautiful city in the world.

Almost all was beauty in Athens—except our coins. We goddesses were specialists and my specialty was wisdom—beauty was given to Venus. The tetradrachm of Athens is a thick, heavy flan of silver, one side bears my head in profile, wearing a crested helmet, ornamented with olive leaves and a lotus, symbol of immorality.

On the early issues I am absolutely repulsive, long nosed and thick lip-ped. My little owl, symbol of wisdom, has prominent pop-eyes. Later, around 450 B.C., my face takes on a calm majesty and forceful dignity

but it still lacks feminine charm. My owl takes on a fascinating personality and the olive twig and waning moon tell additional tales of Athens' history. From its inception, the tetradrachm with the likeness of Athena and her owl was a widely known guarantee of purity and full weight. And here lies the reason for the persistent adherence to this type: the nations from afar knew this money and accepted it; a new and lovelier design might be rejected.



The olive was my gift to Athens. When Neptune sought to claim lordship over Athens, he went to the Erechtheum, the old temple on the Acropolis, and drove his trident into a rock and a horse sprang forth, the Sea God's bid for popular sovereignty. My divine gift of an olive tree was chosen by the prudent Athenians as they placed the olive leaves and berries on my helmet. The rock still stands, with its triple gash, but so does the descendent of my original olive tree.

The waning moon commemorates the hesitancy of our foe to march against us when the moon was in an unlucky phase — waning — and the Athenians were grateful for the peaceful respite.

The largest Athenian coin is the Marathon dekadrachm; then comes the tetradrachm, the didrachms, the small drachms. The tetartemorion

($\frac{1}{4}$ obol), the tritemorion ($\frac{3}{4}$ obol), and a variant ($\frac{4}{4}$ obol).

The obol is the traditional coin placed in the mouth of the dead as ferry payment to Charon for their voyage across the Styx. Aristophanes, in several of his plays, refers to the living as also carrying small change beneath the tongue.

In 229 B.C., new style tetradrachms were coined, but these were no improvement, and when Athens fell under Roman dominion, all trace

of beauty was lost. I, Athena, seem transformed into Minerva, and great is the spiritual fall.

A compensatory law caused my appearance on the coins of another city in quite a different light. Indeed, I am beautiful! Although Aphrodite was the patron saint of the city of Corinth, it was my head which graced the reverse side of the silver staters for 300 years between 550 to 250 B.C. Corinth, proudly dominating the isthmus between Attica and the Peloponnese, was grateful to me for aiding her youthful hero, Bellerophon, when he undertook to capture Pegasus.

At the base of the mount of Acro-Corinthus is the fountain of Pierene in its setting of marble and masonry, the spring where the maidens of Corinth came to draw exceptionally pure water. At the evening hour the maidens were startled by the great winged horse Pegasus, who descended

from the clouds to quench his thirst at the Corinthian fount. This magic steed is depicted in full flight on the obverse of the coins. As previously related, I appear on the reverse.



Syracuse, across the sea, struck beautiful staters with my head on the obverse and Pegasus on the reverse.

Unfortunately, power replaced justice in Athens and there arose treacherous factions, disputing and intriguing for leadership. Athens and

Sparta, the one city-state in which democracy did not prevail, shaped up as bitter rivals and the result was the disastrous Pelopennisian War with Athens pitted against most of the Greek cities. From 431 to 404 B.C. the war dragged on, the Athenian government grew worse, the Persians came into the war on Sparta's side. Athens was crushed, never to regain its earlier prominence. When, in 399 B.C. the liberal philosopher, Socrates, was tried and executed, it was a sorry admission that my city was no longer true to its democratic ideals.

I am Athena—my wisdom could not save Athens. Pluto must have been stronger than I.

Alexander the Great also used my helmeted profile on his golden staters—but that is another's story and I shall let his money talk.

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Alexander the Great

By A. KOSOFF

I AM ALEXANDER, called the Great. My father was Philip II of Macedon, a region of northern Greece. In 359 B.C. my father became king of the Macedonians with ambitions to create a powerful army, to unite all of Greece and finally crush the Persian enemy. This was his ultimate goal.

The first of his ambitions was soon realized and he used his army and cavalry to unite the city-states. Before he could make an attempt to smash the Persians, he was stabbed to death. I was then 20 years old; it was 336 B.C. I became king of all Greece. My father's ambition became mine—I would crush the Persians.

My years were few but my training excellent—the great Aristotle was my tutor. I knew that my army of less than 30,000 was to be pitted against an area containing two million men of fighting age—none, however, so well trained as mine. I was young enough to believe I could conquer.

Foolish enough, it was said, to try. I was pictured as David, insignificant before the Goliath which was the Persian, as I challenged the Great King with my message:

"I, Alexander, consider the whole of thy treasure, and the whole of thy land, to be mine."

Army after army fell before me, city after city was stormed and forced to capitulate. Swift marches and distant campaigns baffled my enemy. Forced to reduce the num-

bers of my enemy, I made friends of those I conquered. Unlike Caesar and Napoleon, with whom my name was to be linked as military strategists, I did not merely conquer. My love for Greek culture induced me to spread it far and wide. Conquered peoples were our equals, their religions were respected, their commerce stimulated. I married a Persian princess, my generals intermarried with the Oriental aristocracies. As we conquered, so we built.

Would that I had built a government to continue that which I had started, but could I know that the fever would mean death to me at only 33?

Yet—you who listen to me are interested more in my coinages than in my conquests and I have given you a wealth of coins to enrich your cabinets. As I traveled Eastward, I established mints and struck golden staters and silver tetradrachms. The gold coinage bears the head of Athena, goddess of wisdom as well as of war, symbolic of the superiority of Greek genius. The reverse displays a beautiful figure of Victory who smiled upon me in campaign after campaign. I was grateful to both.

My silver coins bear the head of my youthful hero, Hercules, covered with the lion's skin. That the Herculean features resemble mine was perhaps a whim of my engravers. I did not so order. Divine descendent

of Zeus, I placed him on a throne with an eagle in his outstretched hand—and while I would not have my face adorn this tetradrachm, I did command that my name appear beside the figure of Zeus.

I proceeded to Egypt and founded the famous city of Alexandria whence came the most beautiful of all my tetradrachms, and then to finally conquer Darius in Mesopotamia. I destroyed the Persian army



Because the wealthy Persians had erected many mints, an interesting picture of my advances is illustrated by one mint after another commencing to issue my coinage. In Greece I continued my father's mints at Pella and Amphipolis. In Lampsacus, chief city on the Hellespont; at Sardes, the Capitol of Lydia, at Miletus, chief city of Southwestern Asia Minor; at Tarsus, capitol of Cilicia.

In Cyprus and Phoenicia I confined my rights of coinage to those who submitted. They were, however, to use the types and weights of my own money.

and chased Darius into Media. I marched into Babylon, the most populous city in the world, and received it in submission.

The influence of my tetradrachms was to be felt for centuries. My coins were to be found in hoards in Mesopotamia and in the Peloponnese, in the sands of Egypt, at Babylon and throughout Persia. Even as far as India.

Though I did not choose to place my image on my coins, I am grateful that my successor, Lysimachus, honored me in this fashion—but that is another's story, and I shall let his money talk.

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Cleopatra Speaks

By A. KOSOFF

At the base of an unfinished mausoleum in Alexandria, wherein repose the remains of Marc Antony and Cleopatra, we find two coins—not rare, not beautiful, but ready to tell their tales. Pick up the first coin; listen—

I AM THE LAST Queen of Egypt. Daughter of Auletes, I was born in B.C. 69, the 7th of the same name. I am Cleopatra.

History has been generous recording, as it does, my beauty. Flattering and satisfying—perhaps some saw beauty in my features—but beautiful I was not. Attractive enough, however, was I to make the great Julius Caesar take note, for after slaying my brother in the Battle of Alexan-

had three children in the glorious decade before Actium.

I have been accused of much: ambition? this is no sin. Voluptuousness? a natural gift of the gods. Lavishness? there was a splendor and grandeur that refined my extravagance. Arrogance? merely my way of getting things done. They called me avaricious, but the glory of the court demanded luxuries. They say I am cruel, that I hold no regard



dria, Caesar gave unto me my brother Ptolemy in marriage—this to cover his own designs upon me. But Ptolemy disappeared—some say he was drowned in the Nile—and in B.C. 42 I reigned alone; and with the Ides of March Caesar, too, was killed—leaving me with a son.

Soon after Caesar's death, Marc Anthony came to Alexandria. He came, he saw, he conquered . . . we

for human life and this is so—so cheap is life that my own would cease before two-score years were mine.

Despite these barbs, my critics must admit of my infinite talents. They wonder at my remarkable knowledge of different languages. No envoy, no ambassador, need bring an interpreter, for I could speak his tongue. My love for literature and

research was widely known. My wit was ready and versatile; my knowledge of human nature was among my greatest gifts. My manner was attractive and my voice so exquisitely musical that Plutarch compares it to a many-stringed instrument.

For twenty years I ruled Egypt with a firm hand, successfully contending against the intrigues of my sister and brothers as well as the greed of Rome. I survived the mighty

civil wars which split the western world from end to end.

In the year 30 B.C. I accompanied Anthony to Actium to engage Augustus in combat. When Anthony fell, I would not be led in chains to Rome. I died by my own hand.

My coins were of simple designs: my portrait on the obverse, the Ptolemaic eagle on the reverse. Marc Anthony had caused other monies to be struck, but that is another story and I shall let his money talk.

Marc Anthony Speaks

Let us now hear what Anthony has to say—the other head would tell its tale—

My name is Antonius, called Marcus. Born in Rome in the year 83 B.C., I was grown into manhood before any noteworthy event in my life was recorded.

In my 34th year, B.C. 50, my hostility to the Roman Senate and to the Republic caused me to leave Rome for Gaul to join Julius Caesar,

of the Gods, delivered his funeral oration and read his will. So strongly did I oppose the claim of Octavianus to the throne that the Senate, inspired by Cicero, declared me an enemy of the country, whereupon I assumed the government of Cisalpine Gaul. Young Octavianus defeated my forces and I joined Lepidus, then he



whom I inspired to war against Pompeius. Commanding Caesar's army with great distinction, I was made General of his cavalry and at the same time advanced through the different grades of office under the Commonwealth.

When Caesar was murdered in 44 B.C., I had him placed in the ranks

generously invited us to a treaty of reconciliation. With these new powerful forces at my command, I vanquished Brutus and Cassius; I overran Greece, Cappadocia and Cilicia. Meeting Cleopatra at Tarsus, I became so enamored of her that I followed her to Alexandria, where we were secretly married. The secret

was maintained for reasons of state and when we divided our territories with Octavianus, taking the east for my portion, my colleague gave his sister Octavia to me in marriage.

In B.C. I overcame Antigonus, King of Judea, and bestowed the kingdom on Herod the Great. In B.C. 36 I returned to Egypt and distributed various cities and territories amongst the children born to me by Cleopatra.

When Octavia sought to follow me to Egypt, I had her intercepted at Athens and caused her return to Rome. This pleased Cleopatra, and when I decided to divorce Octavia, her joys were unbounded. Octavianus, however, was displeased and when, in B.C. 31, I assumed the consulate for the third time, Octavianus took this opportunity to war upon me. My countrymen looked upon me with disfavor for my marriage to Cleopatra. Octavianus would avenge his sister—and besides might serve his own ambitious designs. We quarreled openly. I took my fleet to Actium to meet Octavianus. I was proud of my maritime power. On a

rare gold coin I am shown with my left foot planted on the prow of a ship. On others of my silver coins, a vessel is the central theme.

Control of the seas combined with powerful land forces had made me master of half the Roman World. I had distributed whole kingdoms at will. My strength had stifled the eloquence of Cicero.

On the other hand, I was accused of gross misdeeds, of yielding to every excess of debauchery, of losing my former skill in arms to the influence of voluptuousness.

At Actium, Octavianus succeeded in winning over my forces to his side. He pressed me to flee to Alexandria to die by my own sword—soon to be joined by the last Queen of Egypt, my wife—Cleopatra.

Octavianus' hatred of me knew no end: I had a son, Antonius, by my second wife, Fulvia; soon after my suicide, Antonius, called Marcus the Younger, was put to death by the order of Octavianus, at the foot of Caesar's statue in Egypt. But that is another story and I shall let their money talk.

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Caesar Is My Name

By A. KOSOFF

I should like to make a point clear—I am named Caius Julius Caesar. Caesar is my surname. Only because of my deeds has the name Caesar become a title so that those who followed me as leader of the Romans were Caesars, or emperors.

Between the years BC 100, when I was born, and BC 44, when I met an untimely death, I became accom-

skillful. More than once did I turn the tide of battle by my individual bravery. With it all I had good fortune.

At the age of 19 I acquitted myself nobly at the siege of Mytilene, being rewarded with a civic crown. In my 22nd year, I gained great credit and popularity for my eloquence in accusing Dolebella of extortion in his government of Macedonia. It was then I undertook the voyage to Rhodes, during which I was captured by pirates and ransomed by contributions by a number of Greek cities. Hastily manning a fleet, I attacked the pirates, captured and crucified them. In BC 74, I left for Asia, then to Spain—finally back to Rome where, in BC 67, my first wife Cornelia, being dead, I married Pompeia, daughter of Pompeius Rufus and Cornelia, daughter of Julia. United to his house, I actively promoted the views of Pompey. A succession of titles and honors culminated in my being declared Pontifex Maximus.

Here, perhaps, my ambition became the master of my soul. I conquered enemies—though I did not find them so. I forced the Senate to bend to my will. I pacified Gaul. I ruptured the good will and understanding between Pompey and myself and commenced Civil War against him in BC 49, chasing him into Greece. I broke into the Treasury in Rome. Pompey's Generals



plished in the arts of both peace and war. Some say that antiquity cannot produce a more distinguished example than I.

Lofty of stature, fair of complexion, my black eyes piercing, with expressive countenance, I was considered noble and commanding.

I cherished a strong mind and a sound body so that I could encounter any degree of bodily fatigue or mental exertion. Jealous of my intellect, I pursued knowledge at Rhodes and became possessed of an eloquence second only to that of Cicero. My writings on "Commentaries" have immortalized me in the field of literature.

I was prompt, daring of spirit and undaunted in the face of peril, sagacious in foreseeing difficulties. My planning was prudent, my execution

were reduced to submission.

Following Pompey, I found him dead in Egypt. Tarrying there long enough to become enamored of Cleopatra and urged by her charm I undertook a war against her brother Ptolemy, whom I vanquished. I then gave all of Egypt to Cleopatra.

In BC 46 I returned to Rome to celebrate four triumphs—then I prepared for a war in Spain with the sons of Pompey, and again returned a conquerer. It was in BC 44 that I was appointed Perpetual Dictator.

Meditating a campaign against the Parthians, there in the Senate House, on the Ides of March, I was struck a mortal wound.

As I fell into the arms of Marc Antony, my questioning gaze fell upon one whom I had oft befriended. It was the remembrance of these many benefits that caused me to exclaim, "Tu ne etiam inter hos es, fili?" Art thou, too, amongst them, my son? You are perhaps more familiar with Shakespeare's version wherein he quotes me as saying, "Et tu, Brute?" But this is another story.

prompted a study of literature and oratory at Rhodes. In private life I was a man of unimpeachable morality, inaccessible to the allurements of pleasure and avarice. I alone among the conspirators was held, by public opinion, to have joined in destroying Caesar in the interests of my countrymen. Still men will debate, "Is Brutus patroit or traitor?"

Among my coins is the denarius showing the head of my illustrious ancestor, Lucius Junius Brutus, with the head of Ahaoala on the reverse, he being an ancestor on my mother's side.

Perhaps the most famous of my coins is the Ides of March denarius depicting my head on the obverse and on the reverse a cap of Liberty between two daggers; the inscription reads, EID MAR, declaring the fatal day, the Ides of March on which the attempt was made to restore Liberty to the Romans. This coin has been widely falsified. I made but few.

Another well known denarius shows my head on one side, that of Lucius Junius Brutus on the other.

It is to be noted that my coinages were few in number and few in design, for in B.C. 42, at the age of 37, having been defeated by Marc Anthony and Octavian at Philippi, I caused my own end.

Search into the matter of the assassination of Julius Caesar. Before you condemn Brutus, seek out the motives of one Caius Cassius . . . But that is another story, and I would let his money talk.

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Janus Both

By A. KOSOFF

The heads are mine, both of them, and all my coins present a double head. The ways thereof I shall explain.

The son of Uranus, I am believed to have been the most ancient King of Italy. Reference has been made to me as the master mind of my age. I founded the city of Janiculum and taught my people a good and proper mode of living. From me they learned the divisions of the year, and the month of January was named after me. Some say the two heads on my coinage mean that I reflect on the old year as I envision the new.



The use of shipping and the proper handling of money were arts I taught my people. From me they learned the rules of justice and how to live under the authority of the law. I instructed them in the building of Temples and to honor the gods with sacrificial worship. I showed them how to surround the cities with walls, how to grow corn, how to plant the vine. For these gifts which I gave to my people they were ever grateful and placed me in the rank of the gods, regarded as presiding over treaties.

On the first of January they cele-

brated the Janualia, offering to me the flour and salt, the incense and wine.

Romulus built the Temple of Janus after making peace with the Sabines and in this Temple was a statue with two faces. King Numa believed that I looked back at war and ahead at peace and he ordained that the Temple would be open during hostilities but shut during peace, and it became an important event to Shut The Janus, signifying the restoration of peace.

Some say I am depicted with two heads because I knew the past as well as the future. Others state that the representation is the alliance between the Romans and the Sabines. It is to my everlasting delight that whatever the interpretation, it elevates my stature.

In gratitude to Saturnus who instructed me in agriculture and helped me to improve a rude and savage mode of living, I perpetuated his memory by stamping the reverses of my coins with the prow of a ship—indeed, the ship which brought Saturnus to my shores.

Lest you be deceived, not all coins bearing the double head were of my coinage. Double heads appear on a brass coin of Commodus and then on Pompey's first brass and again on a second brass of Hadrian. If not my head other reference was made to me. Nero caused an inscription on his coin which translates, "After

having procured the peace for the Roman people, the Emperor has shut the Janus." Augustus did the same in AD 25 when, at the battle of Actium, he defeated Marc Anthony and became master of the Roman world.

Though most agree, yet there is an exception. Herodian explains the

two-headed coin thus, "The devotion of Caracalla to the memory of Alexander the Great is exemplified by this coin with one body and one head, but two half faces, of Alexander and Caracalla." But I shall not speak of Caracalla — let us wait and hear his money talk.

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Tiberius Caesar, Tyrant

By A. KOSOFF

Aye, Caligula is no better than I. For it was I who named him my successor and was rewarded by death at his order.

I had been Emperor for 23 years from AD 14 until AD 37, having been adopted by Augustus who caused me to divorce my wife, Vipsania Agrippina, and marry his daughter, Julia.

For a decade I promoted the interests and happiness of my subjects. Civil order was maintained and all was serene, this despite my unhappiness at losing Vipsania—and further because Julia conducted herself in such a loose manner that her own father banished her. While these events had preceded my reign, they had made a lasting impression. One of my first official acts was to order the death of Julia.

I was then 56 years of age; the throne was not my ambition. It was reluctantly that I accepted the high office, for fear of violence. I had been a leader of Augustus' army when only 22 years of age and was continually engaged in warfare until Augustus' death. I wanted only peace and hoped that I could retire from public life.

For ten years I served my people well; then gradually I changed. I taxed the provinces heavily, I killed Archelaus, King of Cappadocia. Germanicus, who had saved me and my troops from destruction in Germany, was sacrificed and his wife Agrippina and their son were also

victims of my cruelty. My favorite minister, Sejanus, as well as many of the best and most patriotic Senators were delivered into the hands of the public Executioner. I was their accuser, I was their judge.

I moved the seat of my government from Rome to the Isle of Capri, where I could practice my debaucheries, concealed from the public eye.

Of my coinage, one perhaps stands out, the denarius on which I am depicted, head right. As a coin it is not unlike the many denarii so familiar to all. This denarius, however, is the now-famous Tribute Penny to which your New Testament refers.

In an attempt to entangle Jesus Christ, he was asked, "We know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man; for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?"

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money." And they brought unto him a penny. And he said unto them, "Whose is this image and superscription?"

And they replied, "Caesar's."

Then said, Jesus, "Render therefore unto Caesars the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." And they marvelled and left him and went their way.

His wisdom and craftiness were

October 26, 1956

Mr. Abe Rosoff
P. O. Box 456
Bakers, California

Dear Abe:

I thought of you when I was in Cairo this summer and the fun you and your family must have had during the auction. It was very frightening, in Cairo, nevertheless, and our main objective was West Africa, where the animals don't talk back.

The Danion catalogue is beautiful and I would very much appreciate it if you would forward to me, for examination, items No. 1589, 1592 and 1594. I cannot tell from your attribution what these really are and, frankly, I don't blame you for not wasting too much time on them. I will send them back by return mail and will appreciate your cooperation with respect to this matter.

Next spring we are having the Central States Convention in St. Louis and it might be that I will see you then.

My very best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. REYNOLDS

EPH/stb

November 1, 1956

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P. O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you for sending me Lots 1589, 1592 and 1594, which I am returning herewith with your postage.

Lot 1589 is a 1786 Hercules Head Connecticut cent and is not struck over anything.

Lot 1592 is not a Connecticut cent but the British Auctori Plebis.

Lot 1594 is correctly described.

I'll send in my bids later.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

EPW/atb

September 13, 1957

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Lot No. 4 in your October 10, 1957 auction is of interest to me in view of the fact that I am revising my article on the Fugio material and want to be sure of the details of this specimen. If you will refer to The Coin Collectors' Journal, July-August, 1952, you will see it described as 101-EE. You have not given the condition of the coin and, therefore, I would like to know what the condition actually is; also the weight in grains.

I am trying to complete my library for further research work and I need substantial runs of the old Coin Collectors' Journal, the new Coin Collectors' Journal, the American Journal of Numismatics and some old Numismatists. Do you have any books you would part with? If so, I could give you a much more detailed list.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ENB/atb

September 17, 1957

Mr. Abe Kosoff
Post Office Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I hate to buy an incomplete set but it gives me a volume to look for. In any event, tell me what you feel is a fair price and tell me what volume is missing. I assume, of course, it has the index volume.

I happen to have the coin already but I enjoyed seeing it very much. I am returning the coin.

Sincerely yours,

EJH/atb

September 19, 1957

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you, very much, for sending me the Fugio 103-11, in silver. I enjoyed seeing it very much and even took its picture. I already have a specimen of the coin but yours is very sharp. I am returning the coin herewith.

Will you be kind enough to tell me what you wish for your incomplete set of American Journal of Numismatics and also tell me exactly what volume is missing. There is nothing worse than trying to find missing portions of numismatic literature but I am willing to try.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPB/atb



A. KOSOFF *Numismatist*

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September 23, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your prompt attention to Lot No. 4 in the auction. I was certain that you had seen it and undoubtedly you are aware that it is the piece out of the consignment I have from B. Max Mehl. Incidentally, Max is in very serious condition.

The set of American Journal of Numismatics is down at the store with Abner, as we still have a lot of books belonging to us, in joint account. I recall that it was incomplete because we had an inquiry about the set some months ago and I believe we quoted about \$275.00. I'm not certain but if my memory serves me well, the volume 51 I have in the missing volumes. The set is beautifully bound and I believe it was Colonel Green's. If you wish, you could drop a note to Abner and ask him to send one volume for your examination, and we can take it from there.

I think both Abner and I would be inclined to give you a good deal on the set as we would like to clean up a lot of these books. Perhaps too we can one day go over the lot and send the list of other items in which you might be interested.

With kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff

AK:cl

c.c. Abner Kreisberg



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October 3, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your recent letter.

Abner and I have both wanted to clear up this library matter but somehow something always comes up. When we get around to it, I'm sure we will both keep in mind the fact that you are interested.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A. Kosoff

AK:cl

cc: Mr. Abner Kreisberg



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3. \$5.00 Treasury Note, 1891. Reconstructed sheet of 4 notes, Friedberg 363. Crisp, about uncirculated Rare	800.00
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5. \$5.00. Similar. Friedberg 278. Teehee and Burke	85.00
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7. \$5.00 First National Bank of Mount Clemens, Michigan, 1902. Friedberg 609. Uncut sheet of 4 notes, low number	250.00
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12. \$1.00 Silver Certificate, 1928D, F. 1404. Julian and Woodin. Uncut sheet of 12 notes, uncirculated, very rare	525.00
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14. \$2.00 Legal Tender, 1928G, F. 1392. Clarke and Snyder. Rare uncut sheet of 12	250.00
15. \$5.00 National Currency, 1929, F. 1425. Strip of 4 uncut notes, Springdale National Bank, Springdale, Pennsylvania	72.50
16. \$20.00 Roslyn National Bank and Trust Co. of Roslyn, New York, 1929, F. 1427. Uncut sheet of 6 notes, #1. Uncirculated	240.00
17. \$10.00 National Bank of Tifton, Georgia, 1929, F. 1426. Uncut sheet of 6 notes, all #1. Uncirculated	150.00
18. \$5.00 First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1929, F. 1425. Charter #1. Uncut sheet of 6 notes each numbered 012345. Uncirculated	125.00
19. \$5.00 First National Bank of Jefferson Parish, Gretna, Louisiana, F. 1425. Uncut sheet of 6 consecutive numbers. Uncirculated	125.00
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24. \$1.00 Silver Certificate, 1935A, F. 1408. Julian and Morgenthau. Uncut sheet of 12 notes, uncirculated	150.00
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May 26, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I am assisting in the preparation of the Educational Program for the ANA Convention to be held in Los Angeles this August and I would like very much to have you on the program as one of the speakers.

My purpose is to get speakers who can not only speak with authority but in an entertaining fashion and I know of no one who could do the job better than you can. Of course, I am not sure that you are planning to come to Los Angeles but I was hoping that you would be with us and I am sure that you will add luster to the forum.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you can make it.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff

AK:cl

c.c. Mr. Don Sherer



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May 29, 1958

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I appreciate, very much, your asking me to be one of the speakers at the ANA Convention Educational Program. I would certainly enjoy participating but I do not plan to come to the convention.

My interest in numismatics is exceedingly high but my interest in conventions is, unfortunately, lacking. Those of you who are so well able to whip up enthusiasm in conventions have done numismatics a great service and I am sorry not to be able to help you out.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 5, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your recent letter. I am sorry you will not be able to be with us for the convention -- it promises to be a Big Show.

At the moment I am writing in regard to the set of the American Journal of Numismatics in which you expressed an interest some time ago. At the time I wasn't sure that we had it complete -- in fact, I wasn't sure just what was missing. As it is, I now have the books in my possession and find that we are missing volume 12, otherwise it is complete from 1 through 53. I am reducing the price and, in fact, have prepared copy for my next bulletin in which the complete set will be listed at \$200.00. In view of your interest, I thought I'd let you know first. Please advise.

Cordially,


A. Kosoff
AK:c1



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June 10, 1958

Mr. A. Kosoff
P. O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you for your letter concerning AJN. I have just about completed assembling a set of AJN but my set still has some holes. I am going to see if I can dispose of the issues I have in the hope of acquiring yours.

The thing that interests me most is the opportunity to acquire a number of other library items which you may be selling at this time. Are these any of Boyd's library? Did they belong partly to you and partly to Abner? Please give me the general situation by return mail as I very much need a number of books, particularly, Vol. 13 (your 1888) of the Coin Collector's Journal; Hickcox' "Historical Account of American Coins"; Numismographs, by Attinelli; The Maris Sale, by Henkel (1886); a group of the famous Chapman sales, with plates; the Finotti Sale, by Woodward, November 11, 1862.

Please let me know what is happening with the books while I make up my mind on the AJN.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 12, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stroes Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th.

The books are those belonging to Abner and myself jointly. I have been trying to work something out with him on the books for quite a while but to no avail. However, finally, they have been turned over to me for disposition --- at a most inopportune moment, I might say, in view of the fact that I am very busy with the ANA Convention and Auction --- so, it seems that we'll have to wait until I'm cleaned up with the sale, which will be quite a while yet. At that time I'll try to write these books up and perhaps put out a mimeographed flyer to fill in with a future issue of our Coin Bulletin.

Cordially,


A. Kosoff
AK:c 1



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September 15, 1958

Mr. A. Kosoff
~~228 North Beverly Drive~~
~~Beverly Hills, California~~

PA 103-7 456
Encino, Cal

Dear Abe:

Would you be kind enough to give me the name of the photographer to whom you delivered my colored slide of Freddie Boyd so that I can follow up in the event I do not receive the prints and the return of the negative.

I appreciated your courtesy in having your man do the work as I have not obtained very satisfactory results here.

Please see that he bills me, and not you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

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A. KOSOFF
Numismatist

P.O.B. 456 ENCINO, CALIF.
Phone: STate 4-5005

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1 Penny Colonial Paper Money

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5-29-59

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Dear Eric:

Can you tell me about the availability of a 1 Penny Colonial Paper on the Bank of North America, dated August 6, 1789. I don't believe I have ever seen it but I have an inquiry that I would like to answer.

Hope you and yours are well.

Cordially,

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June 2, 1959

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.B. 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The Bank of North America 1 Penny or 1/90th of a dollar of 1789 turns up from time to time and at the present time one is being offered by Dochkus for an amazingly high price of \$325.00 for it and a 3/90th. They used to be available for about \$10.00

I wrote them up in the Franklin number of the Numismatist for December, 1956, in an article entitled "Franklin and the Bank of North America", where it is illustrated.

I would classify them only as "scarce but very interesting".

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 2, 1959

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

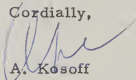
I have just received the ANS Monograph on the Secret of the Good Samaritan Shilling and I look forward to a few pleasant moments with it.

I might also tell you that I am hoping to get some of those books listed up for you, as I promised many months ago.

Finally, I wonder if you would comment on an item which has come to my attention -- I am enclosing a rubbing -- it is a Half Jo Brazil of 1758 and there are two counterstamps. The center is F & G and the lower counterstamp is the EB. This came out of Waite Raymond's Collection and it is supposed to be an authentic Brasher item.

I am contemplating making the purchase if I can feel satisfied as to the authenticity of the Brasher stamp. I want to be particularly careful because it is planned to include this item in the collection which I am building for the Newport Balboa Bank. As you may know, we are exhibiting at the bank on a permanent basis. Your thoughts on this coin would be appreciated.

Cordially,



A. Kosoff

AK:cl

P.S.

If you want to see the coin, I'll be glad to send it to you.



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June 5, 1959

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The "EB" counterstamp is one of the items I have under research at the present time as I have become to realize there are definite signs of monkey business. I would like very much to have the opportunity of seeing the coin which you have under consideration and I will be glad to give you my opinion of it.

I do feel that you have neglected me very much on the books as I really need everything at my fingertips if I am to continue to do detailed research. I am the first to admit, however, that the number of readers who are interested in what I do is limited but from the comments on my latest blast it seems that there are readers.

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan and mentioning my monograph.

I did not know that you were exhibiting at the Newport Balboa Bank, on a permanent basis, and I think it is a fine thing to do as it will increase the genuine interest in coins.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 8, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th. I am enclosing the "Brasher" piece --- your opinion would be appreciated.

As far as the books are concerned, why not give me a little idea of what you seek and I promise that we will pick out anything available and ship it to you. In addition to the Numismatic Gallery books, we have a bunch of material down at Costa Mesa from the Max Mehl Library and here, too, I am sure I can be of some help.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


A. Kosoff
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June 11, 1959

Mr.A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The Brasher piece arrived and it is a test piece of 1792 meeting all requirements. The edge was filed for testing. The plug replaced the metal that was removed, the counterstamps look good and several other half-Joe's are known. I will give you a complete report in due course but merely wish to advise you to obtain the piece if you can.

I presume you will want to have its picture taken and I am doing so.

Please help me build up the library here from Max's books as well as yours as I want very much to devote more and more time to real research. One has to be nuts to do it, but I qualify.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 11, 1959

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

For the research which is under way it would be most appreciated if you could locate, in your various books on numismatics, the following items which are needed for our library:

Hickcox - An Historical Account of American Coinage (1858)

Eckfeld & DuBois - New Varieties of Gold and Silver
Coins (any editions)

Dickeson - American Numismatic Manual (any editions)

Gouge - A Short History of Paper Money in the United
States (any editions)

Attinelli - Numisgraphics

Stewart - History of the United States Mint

Robert Chalmers - History of the Currency in the British
Colonies (1893)

Early Woodward Catalogues - such as the Finotti Sale of
November 11, 1862; the McCoy Sale of May 21, 1964, etc.

Jenks Sale, by Chapman, with plates

Maris Sale, by Henkel

Brevoort Sale of 1876

There are also many other catalogues and pamphlets which would be very handy and these ought to be where they can be best used. Why don't you help this organization along by finding some of the above.

Cordially yours,

President

EPN/atb



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June 22, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th.

In regard to the Brasher piece, I was particularly interested because the bank would like to acquire the specimen and now I can go ahead and work on it for them. I expected that you would have returned it by now but perhaps you were delayed in taking the photographs. I trust the coin is now on its way back. Let me know the expenses involved and I shall be delighted to reimburse you. You know that I appreciate the time that you have taken.

As far as the library is concerned, the books you mention are not in my stock but I will see to it that we get the available items from the Mehl material. What I will try to do, actually, is send a list of the books that I have as soon as we get it typed up. I will try to have the boys at the Mehl store send out some of the cards that they have if you will check them right away and return them as they need the cards for their ads.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff
AK:c1

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June 25, 1959

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I was delayed in taking the photographs, particularly because I had a photographer take a substantial enlargement of the EB counterstamp. I will have to have the enlargements printed as the negatives are satisfactory. You have no obligation to me for the pictures which I will send probably toward the end of the summer but, by all means, send the list of the books that you have in the Mehl material. I will return any cards or lists immediately if you can get them sent to me.

I am returning the half Joe herewith and call your attention to the fact that the plug is stamped with F & G and the EB is not stamped over a plug. This indicates that this coin was double checked as F & G (I have not identified the firm) checked the contents of the drill hole and Brasher, apparently, checked the edge clippings. I am glad to be of help to you in this regard.

I presume you are aware that Congress authorized the assaying of English, Spanish, Portuguese and French coins in 1792.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Phone: STate 4-5005

SUBJECT:

Mehl List of Books

DATE:

July 23, 1959.

Message - Reply

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Please advise when you receive either a batch of cards or a list of the books.

I am sending a memo down to the Costa Mesa office today.

Regards.

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A. KOSOFF *Numismatist*

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September 4, 1959

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

*S.A.M. Fraternity
PA 12411*

Dear Eric:

I wonder if I could impose on you for a service to the professional numismatist, i. e., me.

Over a year ago we had shipped two parcels representing the awards of the ANA Convention Auction in Los Angeles to a Mr. James Hurwitz at 6186 Kingsbury in St. Louis, Mo. The first parcel was signed for by a Mr. Stanley Morris and the second parcel was signed for by Mr. Elliot Gale.

After a little while we sent statements to Mr. Hurwitz and he, in turn, advised that he had never received any of the coins. Investigation revealed the signatures mentioned above but Mr. Hurwitz responded that he had not received the coins.

We are insured for almost every eventuality except that when the coins are received by the addressee, the liability of the insurance company ceases. They claim that Mr. Morris and Mr. Gale who signed for the two packages were authorized to sign and this, in effect, is delivery to Mr. Hurwitz. If this be true then he is liable -- if these people were not authorized, then there might be some other action necessary and the insurance company might be held liable.

Actually, we have so little difficulty on these matters that we seldom have to go to any extremes -- in this case, however, it is imperative that the dealers protect themselves and, of course, in this fashion they are protecting collectors as well for frequently a lot of these coins belong to collectors rather than to the dealers. In this case we have settled with all our consignors so that the loss, if any, would be ours. However, we could easily have held up payment to the collectors on the grounds that these have not yet been received and settled for and in that case, some of the collectors might not be too happy. Of course I would never consider doing any such thing but this just throws out some possibilities.



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I wonder if someone in the city, like yourself, could get in touch with Mr. Hurwitz and see what could be done. Normally I would ask Art Kelley to do it in a capacity of a professional colleague but Art is a pretty sick man, I understand, and I would not want to impose on him at this time.

Needless to say, if this becomes a matter of a nuisance, just forget it and I will take some other steps.

Incidentally, I was wondering if you ever did get those photos of that Brasher piece. It is now in the collection of the Newport Balboa Savings and Loan Association and I am enclosing a couple of brochures showing what we are doing out there.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Kosoff', is written over the typed name.

A. Kosoff

AK:cl

Re: James Hurwitz - 6186 Kingsbury, St. Louis, Mo.

Contents of: Package No. 38111 -- mailed 8/20/59 -- signed by Stanley Morris

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description of Coins</u>	<u>Value</u>
148	\$2.00 Note 1917 F58	14.00
160	\$5.00 Note F271	30.00
599	Half Cent 1833 Fine, 1849 Fine. 2 Pcs.	8.00
671	\$5.00 Gold 1905-S, 1910-D, 1913 V.F. 3 pcs.	35.00
677	\$10.00 Gold 1899 About unc.	31.00
678	\$10.00 Gold 1906 Very Fine.	23.50
686	\$20.00 Gold 1904 Ab. Ext. Fine	49.00
689	\$20.00 Gold 1908-D, no motto. Very Fine	47.00
1197	Dime 1850 Ext. Fine, 1851 top grade VF. 2 pcs.	7.75
1294	Con. States C392 - \$2.00 Dec. 1862 Unc.	6.10
1298	" " C474, 478, 485, Unc. 3 pcs.	11.10
1300	C559, 560, 574, 578, Unc. 5 pcs.	13.00
1320	State of Texas. #7A \$2.50 Fine	8.00
1321	" " #8 \$2.50 Fine	6.50
1322	" " #11 \$5.00 Very Fine	5.50
1323	" " #12 \$5.00 Ext. Fine	4.50
1326	" " #20 \$10.00 Unc.	6.50
1342	Frac. Curr. Specimen 25¢ on thin paper, obv. and rev. on separate paper, each marked SPECIMEN. New, scarce.	4.00
1665	Comm. Gold 1903 Jefferson, Uncirculated.	35.00
2059b	For. Gold Austria, 8 florins, Franz Josef.	8.10
2082a	" " Iran-Half Pahlavi, Unc.	14.00
2100	Switzerland 20 Francs 1947 Head 1/Arms Unc.	11.00
2105	England 1907 1 Sovereign Ed. VII, Ex. Fine	11.50
2220	\$5.00 Gold 1834 New type fine; 1835 vf. 2 pcs.	30.00
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Contents of Package No. 38212 -- mailed 8/21/59 -- signed by Elliot Gale

2320	Frac. Curr. 15¢ F1269 xf, 25¢ F1281 xf, F1294 New, F1308 vg, F1309 new, 5 pcs.	17.00
2322	Frac. Curr. 25¢ F1281 F, 50¢ F1379 xf, also xf.	6.60
2324	\$50.00 Richmond July 25, 1861. Criswell 15. XF.	11.00
2342	\$2.00 Legal 1917 F58, VF.	6.00
2378	\$5.00 1899, Napier & McClung, F275. VF.	11.00
2476	Iowa Half Dollar 1831 vg, 1832 f, 1834 f, 3 pcs.	6.60
2789	\$1.00 Silver Certificate 1923, F237, VF. plus \$5.00 1899, F281, Vf.	10.00
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NET TOTAL.....\$491.22

Post Dispatch - May 3, 1962

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ADMITS OLD COIN THEFTS; \$25,000 IN LOOT RECOVERED

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3—
James S. Hurwitz, a 1961 gradu-
ate of Washington University in
St. Louis, has admitted a series

of burglaries of old coins, police
said yesterday. They said coins
worth \$25,000 had been re-
covered and that the loot prob-
ably all came from the San
Francisco area.

Hurwitz, 23 years old, son of
a San Francisco physician, was
charged with nine counts of
burglary. Police said the loot
included antique firearms and

sabers in addition to the coins
and was valued at more than
\$50,000.

Hurwitz, who had collected
coins since early childhood, sold
some of the stolen coins but kept
others, police said. The loot was
hidden in the basement of the
family apartment. "I had no
idea," said his father. "I think
he needs some help."

September 9, 1959

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you for the brochures concerning the Newport Balboa Savings and Loan Association. Please send me the rest of these brochures as they come out. Whenever they republish the brochure I would like to make a few corrections. Primarily, I wish to point out that the New England sixpence illustrated in the book does not appear to be a genuine piece. Did you sell it to them or not?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 9, 1959

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

With respect to your letter of September 4, 1959, with reference to the two shipments of coins to James Hurwitz, I presume you know that this address is the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity which is used by students going to Washington University.

I spoke to Elliot Gale, one of the boys who signed for a package, and he told me that he put the package in the inside mail box, at the fraternity house. No doubt the other package was similarly handled. Gale also told me that Hurwitz never received either of the packages.

I asked Gale whether the matter was reported to the police or whether any investigation had been made and he told me that all he knew was that a Postal Inspector had inquired about the matter. I told him that it appeared to be an internal problem and wondered what Mr. Hurwitz had done about it. He told me that Hurwitz would be back to school in about two weeks but at the present time could probably be reached at his home, 23 McLaren Lane, San Francisco. I do not know whether Mr. Hurwitz was in St. Louis at the time the packages were delivered but Gale seemed to indicate that Hurwitz was not.

All facts point to the custom of any one in the fraternity house signing for any other brother for the receipt of mail and that Mr. Hurwitz put down the fraternity house address as the place where he wanted the coins delivered.

It looks like your only opportunity to recover is against Mr. Hurwitz and, frankly, he is morally justified in not paying even though he may have such a legal obligation. Perhaps his family has a floater which includes his property. If I were you I would investigate through the San Francisco end.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN



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September 11, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of September 9th in regard to the Hurwitz matter -- I will write to him in San Francisco at once.

There certainly seems to be a legal obligation and I cannot see how he can avoid any moral obligation. The fact is this gentleman has been buying coins for a number of years at the same address and as far as we know, the items are delivered to someone authorized to receive them. If the precautions taken at that end are so flimsy that losses are probable then it seems to me that Mr. Hurwitz should have cautioned those people who would receive the packages, to put them in a safe place. I am sure that you would do that and I know I would, however, Mr. Hurwitz seems to be evading the whole matter and frankly, this would be a bad thing for the entire business.

By the same token, one might say that I was morally justified in not paying the consignors because, after all, I was acting as their agent and if the man who was supposed to pay is not morally obligated to me then I, in turn, was not obligated to the consignors. This, I think, is a little silly and in fact, I have already paid for them and would not consider withholding the funds. Just a little chit-chat! Thanks again for everything.

Cordially,


A. Kosoff
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A. KOSOFF *Numismatist*

P. O. BOX 456 • ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

• STATE 4-5005

September 11, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th in regard to the brochures.

I think I illustrated a coin from a photograph out of the Max Mehl material, however, I will check again as I only, the other day, had a Wyatt piece sent in for genuine.

I did sell the coin to them, in fact, all of the coins appearing in the brochures, except for a very few, came from me. I don't think that I would be fooled on a Wyatt Specimen but there is always the possibility of something slipping through. I will check it again when I go down there and I am sure I can determine in each instance where the coins originated.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,


A. Kosoff
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October 7, 1960

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

It was very nice for you to send me a reprint of your article with respect to Hawaiian coinage and currency. I read it when it came out in the Numismatist and enjoyed it immensely.

Incidentally, I have some Hawaiian paper money which is not mentioned in the article and if you, or your associate, is working on paper money of Hawaii, please let me know and I will be glad to give you that small bit of assistance.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



A. KOSOFF *Numismatist*

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• STATE 4-5005

October 13, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Av.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

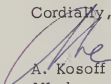
Dear Eric:

Thanks for your nice letter of October 7th. I would appreciate whatever information you have on additional money of Hawaii -- with photos, if possible.

Obviously there must be many items which will only now come to our attention and by incorporating these items and supplementing whatever printed matter is now available, we will eventually come to a more definitive work.

Trusting you and yours have all been well.

Cordially,


A. Kosoff
AK:cl



MEMBER

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September 6, 1961

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Please be kind enough to send me your
19 page book list covering numismatic
books as advertised in your recent
circular.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

soft file
about Hierarchy

November 16, 1961

Police Department
City of Clayton
Clayton City Hall
Clayton 5, Missouri

Gentlemen:

I reported to you that on Sunday, November 12, telephone calls were received at my home (6450 Cecile Avenue) at approximately 3 P. M., 5 P. M., and 7 P. M. and, on the next day another, which when answered resulted in a click at the other end. On this weekend at least two coin collections were taken by burglary from the reports in the paper. My name, like many others, is listed in the membership lists of the coin collecting associations. About two months ago there was another group of coin burglaries in the St. Louis area.

This matter is a national menace and I have the following thought:

If anyone at my home receives a phone call and the caller hangs up they can notify you and all persons can leave the house and our cars and dog can be removed also. You would be notified in adequate time to come to the house and await another phone call checking up on whether anyone was home. The phone would not be answered and in that way a trap might be arranged.

An alternate would be for someone to remain in the house until the phone rings again and not answer that call regardless of the party calling. Then the house could be evacuated and you could be called forthwith. A burglary would then be prompt if the unanswered call were part of the burglars plan.

Would you be kind enough to give this your consideration, make any suggestions you might have, and let me know if you feel you could cooperate in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENR/atb

May 4, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The May 3, 1962 St. Louis Post Dispatch shows that James S. Hurwitz, a former student of Washington University, in St. Louis, has admitted a series of coin thefts and has been arrested in San Francisco. This is the same person who received the two shipments of coins from you which you asked me to investigate in 1959. Apparently Hurwitz got an early start in acquiring coins in a wrong manner and continued his collecting in St. Louis by even more desperate means. The authorities are checking coin burglaries in St. Louis as they may relate to him.

I presume you will endeavor to take care of your rights if you can identify any of the pieces which you consigned to him, a list of which you sent to me.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/at b

May 7, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I would appreciate it if you would please
send me a copy of the new publication
which you just issued.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 14, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Illustrated History and advising me that I will receive a library copy. I had been told that your book had some comments on the Zerbe 1804 and 1805 dollars and so I glanced at someone else's copy before your copy arrived. The book is a fresh and effective approach for the purpose of selling the Judd material.

In your letter to me you said that I might or might not agree that your comments on the Zerbe pieces are in order. I always respect sincere differences of opinion. Whatever either of us have written has to be and will be judged by others in the final analysis and, in addition, each of us has his own conscience to live with. Without numismatics we could not dual with each other in such an interesting way.

You also state that you thought you would answer a number of questions which have been put to you. That has been quite different from my experience. The many people from whom I heard seemed to feel that matter was a closed one.

I hope that the new book on the "normal 1804 dollars" will give you something to think and comment about when it is published in a month or so.

I suggest you contact the San Francisco police on the Hurwitz matter as I understand many coins were found and some may be from your consignments.

May 14, 1962

Mr. A.Kosoff

Would you like to buy my 1804 half dollar? B.Max
Mehl approved it as genuine.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. MEYER

EPH/atb

June 22, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O. Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The Library Edition of your "Illustrated History" is very much appreciated, particularly as to the kind personal remarks you inscribed.

I understand that you are in Europe now or about to go and I hope you have a delightful and successful trip as I know you always do.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Memo

From
A. KOSOFF

To

Any favor extended to the
SVP will be appreciated

Cordially

A.K.



P. O. Box 456 Encino, Calif.
STate 4-5005

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Collectors First!

Letters To The Editor

Enclosed is our check for \$4. Your newspaper was left in one of our trailers after a tenant had left, with a note directed to us.

We enjoy the hobby so much, when we have time, and are looking forward to your next issues.

We encourage coin collecting for a relaxing hobby and it is amassing forward to your next issues. terested.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rogers
 Ephrata, Wash.

Thanking you for sending the 25 copies of Coin World. It was greatly appreciated. The copies arrived in time for my first day opening.

Miss Orlane Kettle
 Winona, Minn.

Perhaps you will not print this letter and might think I am doing it for a little free publicity. This is not the case, however, as I have all the business I want or can take care of. The fact is that I would welcome a let-up to give me a little time for recreation.

This is a wonderful hobby and every day more and more people are finding it so. It is being undermined by some and in many cases these are the so-called, NAM

They promoted the 1960-P small date for all and more than it was worth and now they are busily making their fortunes with the 1938-D over S Buffalo. These things may or may not be scarce but they are certainly overpriced for what they are.

Will close this with a little advice to the collector. When you receive material that you know is overgraded then do not hesitate to return it. This more than anything should tend to keep a dealer honest. When he keeps getting coins returned to him then he will either have to change his grading standards or find a business where honesty is not at a premium.

Henry C. Bailey III
 Clarksville, Texas

Your article in Coin World June 1 edition, regarding the German medal commemorating the sinking of the Lusitania, was quite interesting to me as I had recently seen such a medal belonging to Carl Henkel, Midway Island, Clearwater, Fla. I am enclosing a tracing of his medal, which bears the exact wording of the ones in your article, including the date 5

tent of Coin World is not only superior to all other numismatic papers, but the printing and arrangement as well.

John D. McAnallen Jr.
 Winchester, Ky.

It is my personal opinion and probably the opinion of a great many other coin collectors that Coin World is walking the tight rope (financially). I base my conclusion on the trash advertising that you print in your newspaper.

Coin World should limit its advertisements to strictly numismatics. It is a newspaper for coin collectors, bought by coin collectors and read by coin collectors. And I don't think they want to read about some of the merchandise people have to sell that doesn't pertain to numismatics whatsoever.

It also appears to me that Coin World could use a little discretion about some of the medals that people are dreaming up. I see in this issue that I have before me (March 9) that they're going to make a medal commemorating Jesus, our Lord. I'm no religious fanatic but I do think that these people making this medal and Coin World for printing this ad-

MEMO

Answered
2/4/64

From

JERRY COHEN

To

1/23

Dear Eric

I'd appreciate it very much if
you would send me 200 of the St Louis
Fed Res new \$1's -

The auction catalog of the Waldorf
Sale is at the printer - Feb. 10th in the mail -
your comments would be appreciated
thanks



Jerry

228 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CRESTVIEW 1-4281

Memo From -

A. KOSOFF

P.O. Box 456 — Encino, California

February 5, 1964

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I wonder if you could do a little favor for me
and pick up about 200 of the new \$1.00 Federal
Reserve Notes of the St. Louis District.

I am trying to put together a few of them here
for sets and can't seem to get hold of the St.
Louis notes.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



A. Kosoff
AK:cl

February 10, 1964

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Several people have written me for new Federal Reserve notes of St.Louis.

These are unobtainable now except by lubricating the palms of the tellers who have them. For \$10.00 worth of coin per \$100.00 Federal Reserves, I believe I can get them.

I am sure they will be in great supply as soon as the silver certificates are used up but at present our Federal Reserve Bank is not issuing any.

Let me know whether you want to pay the extra sum. Its disgusting what the hoarding of common material is causing.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Memo From -

A. KOSOFF

P.O. Box 456 — Encino, California

February 12, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Av.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

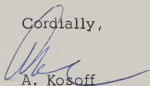
Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th regarding the
Federal Reserve Notes.

You are quite right about the hoarding and while
I would not mind paying a few dollars to a dealer,
I don't want to encourage the bank tellers -- so
let's forget it and thanks for your trouble.

Hope to see you in Kansas City next month.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Kosoff', written over the typed name.

A. Kosoff

AK:cl



A PIECE OF AMERICA

• The Octagonal \$50.00 gold piece is famous as the money of the California Pioneers.
 • Born of necessity, accepted at par, used extensively, discontinued reluctantly, the affectionately-called "slug" represents the highest denomination coined in the United States even though at the time of issue, in 1851, the \$50.00 gold piece was to be the lowest denomination of a series which would also include \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00 and \$1000.00 in coin or ingot form. However, no coins of the larger denominations were struck.

• Many of the "slugs" were melted down because the fineness ranged from 884 to 887 thousandths, the average fineness of California Gold, whereas the standard United States coinage was 900 thousandths fine, thus creating an obviously limited supply. Subsequent issues of round "slugs" give further evidence of this short supply.

• The Romantic (?) stories about how a couple of "octagons" knotted in a kerchief "slugged" successful prospectors into a temporary state of unconsciousness (sufficient to permit him to be relieved of his gold-dust) add color to the coin which is spread upon the pages of American History.

• A fortunate acquisition permits us to offer this octagonal **PIECE OF AMERICA** at varying prices, depending on the condition desired. The Historic coin minted in 1851 by Augustus Humbert, United States Assayer of Gold, San Francisco, California, is the 887 thousandths variety.

\$1400.00

\$1800.00

\$2200.00

You may obtain one by acting promptly.

Get the thrill of owning a piece of America which, as you look at it, speaks of the Romantic History of the Days of '49.

(* Slug — not to be confused with the reference to fake coins. The \$50.00 piece is an authentic gold coin.)

A. KOSOFF, Inc.

P. O. Box 456

Encino, California 91317

Phone (Area 213) 784-5005



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Written and Edited by A. Kosoff

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A. KOSOFF

Phone: STate 4-5005

P. O. Box 456

Encino, California

MEMO

From

JERRY COHEN

To E.P.U.

6/1/65

Dear Eric

My sincere thanks for the facts noted in
your letter with the Maryland fake — it came to
me from a local "coin" dealer — who received it
from a collector-dealer in Melbourne, Australia —
— how in the — did it get there ???

Best wishes
Jerry Cohen

and thanks again



228 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CRESTVIEW 1-4281

June 10, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Abe Kosoff || FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Abe:

When you count the number of reeds on the edge, please share this information with me but do not disclose it anywhere else.

Sincerely,

EON/etb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 3, 1968

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O. Box 456
Encino, California 91316

Dear Abe:

I certainly enjoy reading your comments in COIN WORLD. You must receive a lot of fan mail and you deserve it because of the interest you develop in various subjects.

You wrote on July 21, 1967 that when you completed the detail on the Tilly Estate coin matters you would have photographs and could send us information concerning many of the items of Pioneer gold. A copy of that letter is enclosed herewith for your convenience.

Now that the collection has been turned over to Smithsonian, we would appreciate borrowing from you the photographs of the very rare U.S. Pioneer gold items and any data which you have with respect to them. Naturally, we will be glad to make copies and return immediately anything which you send.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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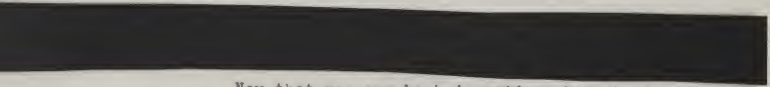
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 11, 1968

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encino, California

Dear Abe:



Now that you are back in action, how about sending me the information you have available on the unusual Pioneer Gold pieces in the Lilly collection.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 2, 1968

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O.Box 456
Encinó, California 91316

Dear Abe:

Thanks for your November 25, 1968 letter giving the consignor's identification of lots in the 1958 A.N.A.Sale. This further clarifies the holdings and activity of Nagy at that time..

You indicate that Abner Kreisberg might have one of these pieces and we will write him unless you want to ask him for us. Perhaps you will indicate which procedure is preferable. Could you ask Henry Clifford if he owns any?

As to your going to the warehouse to see who first bought the items, let's wait until present ownership is given a whirl.

Thanks, again,

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 10, 1969

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P.O. Box 456
Encino, Calif. 91316

Dear Abe:

His enthusiastic ability to follow in the footsteps of his father's profession is a rarity these days and I know you must have been proud of the example which you set and which enthused him to carry on.

You have my sincerest sympathy.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 17, 1970

Mr. Abe Kosoff
A. Kosoff, Inc.
P.O.Box 4009
Palm Springs, Calif. 92262

Dear Abe:

Thank you for wanting to include me in your
Coin World Commentary Column.

While I am perfectly willing to laugh at myself,
I don't ever seek publicity. If you ask me any questions
by virtue of interview or otherwise, I am more than
glad to answer them but to independently write up ex-
periences and anecdotes about myself is just not my
cup of tea. Maybe I ought to edit what you write about
me rather than you do the editing.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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A. KOSOFF, Inc. Numismatists

SINCE 1929

P. O. Box 4009 Palm Springs, CA 92262 714-327-0158

Dear Eric

11/13/70

I plan to include stories about a number of important dealers and collectors in my Coin World Commentary Column and would like to include yours; would you care to send me your story?

Include your background, education, specialties, experiences and anecdotes with reader interest...and a recent photo. I may have to edit a bit.

With your copy, please return this letter, signed below. Thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

To A. Kosoff:

You may use my story for publication. I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the details are true.

Signed _____

Date _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Sender: Write (or type) message, pull out yellow sheet, mail the other two by folding in half and inserting in #771 DU-O-VUE envelope.
 Recipient: Write your reply at bottom, mail back white sheet and keep the pink.

FORM 187 - NEW ENGLAND BUSINESS SERVICE, INC. - TOWNSEND, MASS.

FROM



A. KOSOFF, INC.
 Numismatists
 P. O. B. 4009
 PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. 92262

Message
 Reply

DATE:

FILE NO.

ATTENTION:

PRIORITY

- ☐ URGENT!
☐ SOON AS POSSIBLE
☐ NO REPLY NEEDED

Phone 714 327-0158

TO

Eric P. Newman
 6450 Cecil Ave.
 St. Louis 5, Mo.

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE

I was interested in some of your experiences with B.G. Johnson, with the 1913 Nickel — Some of the things B.G. might have talked about — or interesting experiences I would write it up so that you need only read, even if despoiled, the items. In short you could supply something a few people are qualified to do. Actually I would end up writing it —
 So — one day, when you have nothing better to do ??? —
 Sincerely
 [Signature]

SIGNED:

DATE OF REPLY.

REPLY TO.

REPLY

P.S. Did you ever get a
 little box of "Fun in the Sun"
 from Palm Springs?
 Abe.

SIGNED:

SENDER: MAIL RECIPIENT WHITE AND PINK SHEETS.

December 11, 1970

Mr. A. Kosoff
P.O.Box 4009
Palm Springs, Calif. 92262

Dear Abe:

You have heard of a fly ball falling between two outfielders, each of whom could have fielded the ball easily. That is exactly what happened with respect to the candy you were kind enough to send us. My wife thought I was thanking for it and I thought my wife was thanking for it. Under these circumstances we both thank you and apologize for inefficiency. You were very thoughtful to send us the remembrance.

Best wishes for the season from
both of us.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 3, 1972

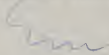
Mr. Abner Kreisberg
344 North Beverly Dr.
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Abner:

Perhaps I could suggest to the Schermerhorn Estate that you would guarantee to them 90% of the value of the U.S. paper money collection if you auctioned it and that you would take one-third of any excess it brought over the 100% value. In other words, from 90% to 100% you receive 10% and over 100% you took one-third. The value might be along the lines you wrote me. You might thereby earn an extra amount by such a formula. I will not write them on this until I see how it appeals to you.

The foreign gold could be your regular 20% commission. There would be other stipulations, but how does this approach appeal to you?

Sincerely yours,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 24, 1973

Mr. A. Kosoff
P. O. Box 4009
Palm Springs, California 92262

Dear Abe:

It is nice of you to write me again for information for your Coin World commentary column.

I have the strange feeling that preparing detail is publicity seeking. I have nothing to hide and would have no objection to an interview. How do I solve a problem like this for you? The best thing is if you would come to see me on your way to somewhere. Maybe I ought to write you up.

My life has been and still is full of excitement and numismatics has contributed endlessly to that. I could give you anecdotes you would never publish and many you would.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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714-327-0158

Dear Eric

Jan 73

I plan to include stories about a number of important dealers and collectors in my Coin World Commentary Column and would like to include yours. Would you care to send me your story?

Just notes, I will write it. Include your background, education, specialties, experiences with other dealers and collectors, anecdotes with reader interest...and a recent photo, or even old ones if they help make a point.

With your notes, please return this letter, signed below. If you cannot get to this soon, later will do. The series will run as long as I can write! Thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

Happy New Year!

[Signature]

To A. Kosoff:

You may use my story for publication.
I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge,
all of the details are true.

Signed _____

Date _____



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March 11, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your March 5th copy of your letter to Mr. Sabella.

It is quite a tale and I imagine it will end up being nothing of importance. However, as you point out, unless we see the item we certainly can express no opinions. Thus far he has not offered to send it nor am I anxious to have items of this kind sent out. It's strange how frequently an owner decides that the item which was returned is not the item which he sent - especially after it turns out to be of no special importance.

I'm inclined to let the matter go along in this fashion and if the occasion arises, we could look at the piece. Perhaps, since he is in Rego Park, Queens, he might get to show it to John Ford, as they are not too far from one another.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff
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September 10, 1975

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric;

As you may know, ANA President Virgil Hancock has thrown the whole ball of wax regarding the Grading Service into my lap.

There are many facets to this job and I want to call on you to handle a very important one - BUDGET.

You will be able to call on Charlie Hoskins for some assistance - and anyone else you think can be of help.

To begin with we will have to consider rent, salaries of an administrator, an assistant and a secretary. Cost of equipment, security and insurance and other expense items. Hoskins should be able to help on all the above. A Memory Bank is being considered and John Pittman will be in charge of that investigation.

Sources of income will include Fees and Penalties which I am asking Jim Ruddy to work up, Donations and Subsidies which will be under John Pittman.

For your further guidance, opinions expressed at a meeting in Los Angeles recently were that the volume the Grading Service might expect ranged from 1500 to 10,000 coins per month. It was decided to confine the early operation to disputed items to hold volume down. Volume and available personnel will dictate how fast we can absorb additional work.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. I am aware of your keen interest and substantial help in ANACS and your presence at the New York meeting indicates an equal concern in this Grading matter.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff (sk)

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 17, 1975

Mr. Abe Kosoff
P. O. Box 4009
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Abe:

I think it is a great compliment to your organizing ability and your tact that Virgil has put you in charge of the grading matter. I am glad to help on any project where I believe I can be of use. The matter of the budget is one where I am least effective.

I would tackle it in any event if I could, but all of my extra time is devoted to getting a revision of Early Paper Money of America completed and in editing the Bicentennial publication of the American Numismatic Society. Both of these are enormous jobs.

My wife and I are planning to take a vacation in Asia from early October to early November and, therefore, I do not believe I can give you the service needed.

Would you be nice enough to find someone else for the budget work. Thank you for asking me.

Kindest personal regards,

Eric P. Newman

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INSTRUCTIONS

SENDER: WRITE (OR TYPE) MESSAGE, PULL OUT YELLOW SHEET, MAIL THE OTHER TWO.

RECIPIENT: WRITE YOUR REPLY AT BOTTOM, MAIL BACK WHITE SHEET AND KEEP THE PINK.

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P. O. Box 4009
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Phone 714 327-0158

714-435-3791

Message
Reply

DATE:

August 3, 1978

FILE NO.

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ATTENTION:

PRIORITY

- ☐ URGENT!
☐ SOON AS POSSIBLE
☐ NO REPLY NEEDED

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Eric P. Newman, Esq.
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

SUBJECT:

Refused
by telephone
8/18/78
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Dear Eric: There is a matter involving the grading of a Standing Liberty quarter which is in dispute. The buyer has asked me, the seller has asked Keith Kelman... to arbitrate. Keith and I have agreed to ask you to be chairman. We would meet in Houston, examine the coin and arrive at a decision. Would you agree to act? Please let me know soon.

Cordially,

SIGNED:

Please reply to;

A. Kosoff #204

*xx 1780 Avenida del Mundo, Coronado, Ca. 92118

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DATE OF REPLY:

REPLY TO:

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SIGNED:

SENDER: MAIL RECIPIENT WHITE AND PINK SHEETS.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 30, 1981

Mr. Abe Kosoff
A. Kosoff, Inc.
P. O. Box 4009
Palm Springs, CA 92263

Dear Abe:

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of your book of reminiscences. Numismatics has been very rewarding to both of us. It benefited you with a livelihood, extensive travel, exciting events, stimulating personal contacts, cultural opportunities and, above all, the challenge of influencing others to do what you believed in when you shared your thinking with them. You have been one of the pillars of American numismatics as I have been observing it in my sixty years of contact with that field. May you continue to get further satisfaction and joy from it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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KOSOFF

December 14, 1981

Abe:

What ever happened to Sol Kaplan's coin changer?

Many years ago you told me you wanted it. I would like it for my museum in due course. Bring me up to date. Thanks.

Eric P. Newman

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I love it - I had the trustee to have it appraised and I would pay them the appraised price. It was appraised too low and I told that to the trustee but he had had a lot of trouble getting

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN

(over)

An appraiser to come up to the office
that he said "look, don't rock the boat."
I'll never get another appraiser as here
So I paid the Appraiser price which was,
I think, \$100.00. I offered to pay \$500
but the Trustee said he was selling
everything at Appraisal —

A friend of mine there \$3000.00 but I
told him it wasn't for sale. I have a
daughter-in-law (Steve's widow) who loves
these old things and when I dispose of
it or when it comes for me — she
is to get it.

Regards
Mae

Happy New Year!

KOSOFF

12-14-81

Abe

When Fred Boyd selected you to auction his collection instead of his friend, Wqyte, it was because he felt that you were a better merchant. Fred was trained as a merchant and appreciated your selling skills.



12/21/81

Eric

That may be - But its not the point.
Boyd asked for Secrecy because he didn't want Wqyte to feel badly for being passed.

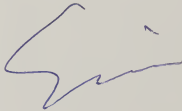


FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN

12/14/87

Abe — Gasoff

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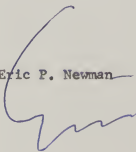
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A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Eric P. Newman', written over the typed name.

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